

REPORT OF AN AUDIT  
OF THE  
ACCOUNTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1937



Made in Accordance with the Provisions of  
Chapter 44, General Laws

February 18, 1938



Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston

February 18, 1938

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. David E. Hobson

Southbridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1937, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts





Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir :

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1937, and submit the following report thereon :

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined and reconciled with the books and records of the accountant's office.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments making the original charges. The disbursements were checked with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the payments as shown by the treasurer's books. Approved vouchers and pay-rolls were examined and checked with the treasury warrants, and the recorded appropriations and transfers voted by the town were verified by a comparison with the town clerk's records of town meetings.

The general and appropriation ledgers were analyzed, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1937, was prepared and is appended to this report.

It was noted that expenditures for Chapter 90 highway projects exceeded the amounts available on Decem-

ber 31, 1937, by \$5,216.67. Attention is called to the fact that expenditures for highway projects carried on by the town in conjunction with the State and county may not exceed the aggregate amount of the appropriations voted by the town, together with the amount actually received by the town on account of allotments. Whenever the reimbursements from the State and county are not received in time to provide funds for payments of pay-rolls, etc., temporary loans, under the provisions of Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, may be issued by the treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the collector's records of payments to the treasurer, with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were compared with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books.

The cash book was footed, the cash on hand on January 15, 1938, was verified by actual count, and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The tax title deeds on hand were examined and listed, the amounts transferred from the several levies being verified and the titles as listed were checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were compared with the warrants issued by the board of assessors, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as recorded on the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and verified.

Further verification of the outstanding taxes was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The records of licenses granted were compared with the records of licenses issued, and the receipts on account of licenses and permits were checked and proved. The recorded payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the treasurer were verified.

The charges for the rental of the municipal building were checked and verified and the recorded receipts were proved with the payments to the treasurer. It was noted that while \$522 was collected in 1936, only \$75 was charged for town hall rentals during 1937, it apparently being due to a change in policy of granting the use of the hall.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the health, public welfare, school, library, and cemetery departments, were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The work in the offices of the treasurer and the tax collector has been performed in an efficient manner.

For the co-operation received from the several town officials, while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts



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TOWN OFFICERS

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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## TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE



For Year Ending December 31  
1938

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SOUTHBRIDGE EVENING NEWS, INC.  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.





# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1938

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## TREASURER

Norbert C. Benoit

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## CLERK

Clare P. Boyer

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## SELECTMEN

Valmore P. Tetreault

Omer L. Perron

Napoleon J. Blanchard

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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Hermas Lippe

Term Expires 1939

Marie E. Lariviere

Term Expires 1940

Ovide Desrosiers

Term Expires 1941

Herbert H. Michon, Supervisor

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## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

George W. Laughnane, Chairman

Hermas Lippe, Clerk

Marie Lariviere

H. H. Michon, Supervisor

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### ASSESSORS

Joseph T. Gervais	Term Expires 1939
Joseph Metras	Term Expires 1940
Philias X. Casavant	Term Expires 1941

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### BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles Simpson, M. D., Deceased	Term Expires 1939
William E. Langevin, M. D.	Term Expires 1939
Armand O. DeGrenier	Term Expires 1940
Herve L. Desmarais, D. D. S.	Term Expires 1941

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### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

George Lafleche	Term Expires 1939
Cyril Peloquin	Term Expires 1940
Raymond Benoit	Term Expires 1941

Road Superintendent

Adelard Laporte

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### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

George W. Dumas	Term Expires 1939
J. Arthur Genereux	Term Expires 1939
Hector LeClair	Term Expires 1940
Edmond A. Ryan	Term Expires 1940
Nestor Pontbriand	Term Expires 1941
Henry J. Tetrault, Deceased	Term Expires 1941

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### TRUSTEES JACOB EDWARDS

#### MEMORIAL LIBRARY

##### For the Town

Henry Tetrault, Deceased	Term Expires 1939
Seaver Rice	Term Expires 1939
Oswald J. Laliberte	Term Expires 1939
Edward E. LeClair	Term Expires 1940
Robert Montague	Term Expires 1940

##### For the Fund

Mrs. Hamilton K. Smith	George B. Wells
Richard C. Paige	

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Wardwell M. Edwards	Term Expires 1939
Daniel T. Morrill	Term Expires 1940
Seaver M. Rice	Term Expires 1941

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### CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault	Bernard E. Richard
Patrick Donnelly	

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### TAX COLLECTOR

Mederic Duhamel

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### PLANNING BOARD

Joseph Tremblay	Ralph H. Lavers
Joseph S. Normandin	Oswald Laliberte
John P. Barnett	

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### SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Pierre Benoit	Term Expires 1939
George Lafleche	Term Expires 1940
Bernard A. Allard	Term Expires 1941

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### PARK COMMISSIONERS

Hector M. LeClair	Term Expires 1939
George Silk	Term Expires 1940
Walter S. Blair	Term Expires 1941

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### MODERATOR

Wilfred J. Lamoureux, Deceased	
Rosario S. Normandin	Term Expires 1939

## TREE WARDEN

Albert A. L'Ecuyer

Term Expires 1939

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## COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUND

Raymond Varin

Term Expires 1939

Ubald A. Lariviere

Term Expires 1940

Ovila A. Proulx

Term Expires 1941

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APPOINTED OFFICERS

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## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Joseph E. Desrosier

Term Expires 1939

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## TOWN COUNSEL

Rosario S. Normandin

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## TOWN ENGINEER

John G. Clarke

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Channing H. Greene

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## CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

Frederick J. Locke

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## GAME WARDEN

Alfred Lariviere

POUND KEEPER

Joseph Payant

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KEEPER OF LOCKUP

Ulric Brault

Ovide Desrosiers, Jr.

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JANITOR OF TOWN BUILDING

Oliver Proulx

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ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Hermenigilde Lamothe

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BUILDING INSPECTOR

Emery A. Lavallee

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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

G. Rudolphe Lariviere

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INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Emery A. Lavallee

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WORLD WAR MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

Valmore P. Tetreault, Chairman      Edward L. Chapin, Sec.

James C. Murphy      Arthur A. Allard

Joseph E. Ducheneau      Robert E. Paige

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Samuel D. Perry	Office Expires 1939
Joseph L. Berthiaume	Office Expires 1940
John J. O'Shaugnessy	Office Expires 1941
Clare P. Boyer, Clerk	

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## MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert A. L'Ecuyer

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph E. Ducheneau, Chief  
George W. Laughnane, Deputy Chief  
Henry Lavoie, Assistant Deputy Chief  
James C. Sangren, Superintendent of Fire Alarms

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## FIRE WARDEN

Joseph E. Ducheneau

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## DEPUTIES

Edward Bellerose	Joseph Mandeville
George W. Lavallee	Arthur J. St. Laurent
Henry Lavoie	Frank J. Tick

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## FENCE VIEWERS

J. E. Johnson	Arthur A. Allard
George Favreau, Deceased	



## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Thomas Hughes	John J. Hogan
George A. Alley	Ralph McKinstry
Raymond McKinstry	Royce Fitzpatrick

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## FIELD DRIVERS

Alfred E. Lariviere	Ulric Brault	Ovila Martin
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## UNIFORMED POLICE FORCE

Ulric Brault, Chief

Joseph Paquin	Albert Lamarine
Ovila Martin	Joseph Morin
Arthur L. Murphy	John M. Beaudry
Patrick Donnelly, Retired	Arcade Grenier
James B. Laughnane Jr.	John Lango
Carl Corriveau	Arthur Bouthiller
Arthur E. Lariviere	Sylvio Bachand
Ernest J. Fierro	

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## SOLDIERS' BURIAL OFFICERS

Franklin C. Monroe	Wm. P. Lacroix, Deceased
H. Emerson Hill	

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## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

George A. Alley	Irene Hughes
Thomas Hughes	Basile J. Proulx, Jr.

Wardwell Edwards	Mafalda Comstock
Jacob Edwards	Elwin G. Patterson
Raymond McKinstry	Royce Fitzpatrick
Herman Staves	Beatrice Homicz
Ralph McKinstry	

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### ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Emery Lavallee

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frank H. Diorio	Term Expires 1939
Daniel P. Bernheim	Term Expires 1939
Emil J. Martin	Term Expires 1939
Herbert F. Ryan	Term Expires 1939
Maurice Taylor	Term Expires 1939
Elmer Schumacher	Term Expires 1940
John T. Kennedy	Term Expires 1940
Myron B. Clemence	Term Expires 1940
Walter G. Buckley	Term Expires 1940
John J. Dragon, Sr.	Term Expires 1940
Ira Mosher	Term Expires 1941
Gedeon Gregoire	Term Expires 1941
Ronaldo Guilmette	Term Expires 1941
Arthur E. Proulx	Term Expires 1941
Paul G. Beauregard	Term Expires 1941

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### INSPECTOR OF PETROLEUM

G. Rudolphe Lariviere



DOG OFFICER

Arthur L. Bouthillier

## JURY LIST FOR 1938-1939

Allard, Roland A. J.—Mill Hand	371 Hamilton Street
Allard, Ernest G.—Clerk	14 Park
Agard, Charles—Specmaker	30 Cohasse
Arpin, Rosario C.—Optical Worker	20 Lens St.
Bachand, Arthur N.—Bread Dealer	39 School
Belanger, Alpherie—Specmaker	27 Worcester
Belanger, Hormisdas—Specmaker	59 Fairlawn Ave.
Benoit, Levis H.—Diemaker	Lebanon Hill
Benson, Arthur J.—Specmaker	27 Sayles
Bibeau, Rudolphe—Clerk	53 Worcester
Boiteau, Antoine—Specmaker	71 Sayles
Bonnette, Romeo E.—Painter	86 Coombs
Breault, Joseph—Specmaker	162 Charlton
Bonin, Arthur—Optical Worker	207 Hamilton
Bouchard, Joseph—Laborer	13 Eastford Rd.
Boucher, Raymond—Optical Worker	127 Everett
Bouvier, Raymond—Farmer	467 South
Branniff, Nickolas F. Jr.—Worcester T.	10 Hill Ave.
Brennan, Richard T.—Specmaker	21 Oakes Ave.
Busfield, Sugden—Retired	88 Glover
Butler, Michael—Mechanic	31 River
Cabana, Arthur—Specmaker	10 Oakes Ave.
Caron, Rudolphe—S. F. Co.	232 Everett
Carpentier, William—Laborer	228 Hamilton
Chapdelaine, Hector—Specmaker	197 Worcester
Chicoine, Peter—Specmaker	24 Henry
Clemence, George H.—Foreman	Clemence Hill
Coderre, Henry F.—Clerk	49 Coombs
Colquhoun, Archie—Chauffeur	105 Hamilton
Cormack, George—Agent	16 Oak Ridge Ave.

Costa, George—Merchant	312 Main
Craig, Daniel—Specmaker	421 Main
Curboy, John H.—Machinist	67 School
Dauphinais, Adelard—Cement Finisher	199 Charlton
Davis, Stephen—Baker	50 Sturbridge Rd.
Delmore, Nuncio—Specmaker	133 Morris
Desaulniers, Leo—Specmaker	Lebanon Hill
Dufault, Joseph—Specmaker	156 Mechanic
Dulmaine, Walter—Chauffeur	88 Pine
Dumas, Armand—Clerk	46 Cohasse
Dupaul, Leon—Specmaker	142 Hamilton
Duffy, Joseph—Specmaker	148 Hamilton
Duclos, Adelard—Specmaker	52 Main
Ethier, William—Retired	102 Mechanic
Farland, Ernest A.—Specmaker	15 Chestnut
Fitts, George H.—Agent	41 Chapin
Flood, Henry F.—Specmaker	300 Hamilton
Garceau, Fulgence—Painter	107 South
Garceau, Wilfred—Laborer	14 Worcester
Gaumont, Armand—Truckman	711 Main
Gaumont, Edmund A.—Mechanic	110 Mill
Gaumont, Eugel—Retired	16 Gardner
Genereux, Louis W.—Steamfitter	206 Main
Gladu, Charles H.—Optical Worker	91 Coombs
Graf, Peter—Specmaker	38 Golf
Greely, Joseph—Driver	38 South
Gregoire, Joseph F.—Clerk	22 Curtis
Grenke, Louis—Specmaker	9 Rose
Grenier, William—Millhand	25 Chestnut
Guilmette, George O.—Specmaker	9 Henry
Hebert, Leo—Specmaker	48 Fiske
Hefner, James H.—Specmaker	103 Hartwell
Hill, H. Emerson—Engineer	472 South
Holton, Frank B.—Optical Worker	
	R.F.D. No. 2 Lebanon Hill
Houde, John—Agent	23 Chapin

Julian, Edmund—Mail Carrier	249 Marcy
Kathan, Alden L.—Clerk	367 Hamilton
Keyes, Archie—Salesman	116 Dresser
Labelle, Louis J.—Clerk	12 Crescent
Lacroix, George—Optical Worker	29 Hamilton
Lafleche, Albert R.—A. O. Co.	13 Brochu
Lafleche, George H.—Specmaker	8 Twinehurst Pl.
Laliberte, Arthur J.—Foreman	Worcester
Laliberte, Oliver—Laborer	67 River
Langevin, Archie—Optical Worker	9 Henry
Lapane, Edward—Optical Worker	13 Ballard Ct.
Lariviere, Joseph E.—Janitor	38 Hamilton
Lariviere, Ubald A.—S. F. Co.	168 Mechanic
Lavallee, Adelard—Millhand	75 Crystal
Lucier, Theodore E.—Agent	Brookside
Lamoureux, Napoleon—Specmaker	400 Main
Lamontagne, Henry—Polisher	9 Rose
Lamontagne, Alfred—Millhand	592 Main
Lavallee, Napoleon—Clerk	48 School
Lataille, Frank—Specmaker	284 Mechanic
Lataille, Joseph G.—Agent	21 Marcy
Leblanc, Leon L.—Lens Worker	364 Hamilton
LeBlanc, Orelle—Lens Worker	27 Snow
Lemire, Napoleon—Specmaker	Guelph Wood Rd.
LeBoeuf, Roland—Optical Worker	94 E. Main
Lepage, Adelard—Patternmaker	122 Litchfield Ave.
Libera, Joseph—Millworker	9 Ballard Ct.
Lippe, Romeo—Diemaker	26 Cohasse
Lippe, Clement—Specmaker	711 Main
Locke, Fred J.—Janitor	593 Main
Loiselle, Joseph A.—Agent	69 Plimpton
Loranger, John—Lensmaker	74 Chestnut
Lynch, Charles A.—Specmaker	24 School
Maloney, Michael P.—Specmaker	50 Elm
Marchessault, John B.—Millhand	616 Main
Metras, Paul E.—Clerk	269 Mechanic

Meunier, Roland—A. O. Co.	648 Lebanon Hill
Mitchell, Irving H.—Specmaker	47 Oliver
Monnette, Moise—Clerk	50 Coombs
Moore, Joseph R.—Laborer	Lebanon Hill
Moriarty, Timothy J.—Millhand	150 Pleasant
Morand, Napoleon—Specmaker	276 Mechanic
Nichols, Thomas J.—Specmaker	33 Fiske
Normandin, Sylvio J.—Specmaker	14 Dresser
Noyes, Gordon—Retired	15 Edwards
Olney, William—Reporter	41 Charlton
O'Shaughnessy, John J.—Retired	164 Hamilton
Palmerino, Santino—Bread Dealer	19 Sayles
Patenaude, George—Millhand	12 Pine
Poirier, Joseph H.—A. W. Co.	41 West
Peloquin, Aime—Chauffeur	67 Charlton
Peloquin, Felix—Specmaker	27 Coombs
Peloquin, Philip—Painter	210 Everett
Plimpton, Ellsworth—Clerk	215 Eastford Rd.
Plouffe, George E.—Specmaker	135 Marcy
Polakowski, Joseph—Specmaker	31 West
Pontbriand, Nestor—Clerk	12 Cohasse
Pratt, Walter W.—Farmer	873 N. Woodstock Rd.
Prendergast, James—Agent	52 Pleasant
Proulx, Albert E.—A. O. Co.	1038 Main St.
Proulx, Ovila—Millhand	125 Pleasant
Proulx, Charles F.—Carpenter	31 Wall
Proulx, Joseph D.—Clerk	46 South
Rapineault, Romeo—Millworker	25 River
Renaud, Israel—A. O. Co.	173 Cliff
Rossi, Philip—Clerk	47 Green Ave.
Santo, Dominic—Specmaker	138 Elm
Silk, George W.—Specmaker	723 Main
Shea, William T.—A. O. Co.	19 Clarke
St. George, Regneault—A. O. Co.	112 Hamilton
St. Germaine, John B.—Salesman	6 Crane
St. Germaine, Joseph—Specmaker	105 Sayles



St. Martin, Arsene—A. O. Co.	95 North
St. Martin, Joseph—A. O. Co.	34 Worcester
Talbot, Ernest—Unemployed	8 Morton Ct.
Tallis, Patrick—Specmaker	18 Henry
Tavernier, Victor—A. O. Co.	38 Worcester
Tetreault, Eugene—Timekeeper	33 Fiske
Toomey, John F.—Specmaker	26 North
Trahan, Ovila—Carpenter	16 Clarke
Tremblay, Albert—Chauffeur	141 Marcy
Trudeau, Blaise—Jitneyman	35 Central
Tully, Andrew F.—Agent	547 Main
Whitehead, Benjamin—Steward	125 High
Zui, Thomas C.—Specmaker	46 Morris

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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Citizens of Southbridge:

We herewith submit for your approval a brief report of the activities for the past year. At the outset, we wish to state that we were confronted with one of the hardest years that ever struck our municipality. First in the month of July, we had a flood that necessitated an additional appropriation for the Highway Department. A great many of our country roads were washed away and it was necessary for the board to declare a state of emergency.

We have requested from the state and county under Chapter 90 the completion of the Dresser Hill Road from the bridge at Sandersdale to the Charlton town line, and when this is completed, the approaches to the East of our town will be well taken care of.

When this board came into office last March, we were confronted with difficulties with the County Commissioner relative to the construction of Mechanic Street, but we are pleased to inform you that we now have a contract signed with the Department of Public Works for a stretch of approximately 750 feet to be built of bituminous concrete. This contract is to expire on June 24, 1939.

We are recommending the fund of Chapter 500, which is a refund of the gasoline tax, to be appropriated for the completion of Mechanic Street to be of the same construction as to the one we are to build as above stated.

Your board believes that a grant obtained from the federal government for the construction of our elemen-

tary school on Guelph Wood Road will be quite a saving to the town, and Southbridge should be proud to have school buildings as we now have, and we believe that it will be some time before it will be necessary to ask for additional school facilities. If the school committee is to abandon the Mechanic Street School, the Board of Selectmen are of the opinion that it should be turned over to the Board of Public Welfare and have all the Board of Public Welfare transactions conducted on Mechanic Street, and one of the first reasons that we are recommending this is because the quarters in the Town Hall are getting inadequate to take care of the demands of the Department of Public Welfare. We believe that if this is done that the commissary should be moved from Central Street to Mechanic Street.

With the completion of the North Woodstock Road and the bridge over the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., we have closed a grade crossing at Fort Sumpter which in our opinion is a great improvement and a safety measure.

On September 21, 1938, this town as well as this part of the country experienced one of the greatest disasters of the twentieth century. First a flood then within twenty-four hours a hurricane. The town lost thirteen hundred shade trees and the loss to industrial plants and individuals amounted to millions of dollars. The work of rehabilitation following this hurricane is not quite completed due to the weather conditions, but we believe that it will not be very long after the good weather sets in before all projects will be completed.

We wish at this time to thank the Citizens' Committee which was appointed to advise and help town officials during the emergency. It is impossible to name all organizations and individuals who have contributed to the restoration of our town, but we wish to thank each and every one who has helped.



In our W. P. A. program, we have constructed a great deal of sidewalks, sewers and drains, but that also was laid aside due to the disaster of last September. During the year and particularly during the hurricane period, we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Mr. James W. Meehan, Supervisor of Operations of Worcester County and his entire staff. Mr. Meehan and his assistants made several trips here when it was almost impossible to travel to cooperate with the Board of Selectmen.

The town now boasts of one of the best parks in this part of the county. Yes, Southbridge is indeed pleased with the World War Park adjacent to the Fire Department property on Elm Street. It is a credit to the community and to the glory of the boys who made their super-sacrifice during the World War.

This present Board of Selectmen has been one of the most harmonious boards that the town has had for a great many years. Every member has worked in cooperation with one another and cooperation means a success. We take this opportunity to thank the various departments of the town for their splendid cooperation given the board during the entire year.

VALMORE P. TETREAULT

OMER L. PERRON

NAPOLEON J. BLANCHARD



# REPORT OF THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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Board of Selectmen,

Southbridge, Mass.

The Town Engineer has the honor to submit his report for the year 1938.

In our report for 1937 this department suggested a construction program covering a number of years. It is interesting to note how the amount of work done in 1938 corresponded to the amount suggested. Below is a list of the headings into which the proposed work was divided and the percentage which the amount of work done bore to the amount suggested;

Street Paving	89%
Sidewalks, curb and gutter	123%
Drains	125%
Street surfacing	10%
Roads	20%

The improvement in Roads and Streets is greater than shown by the above, because, although the work was not as permanent as called for by the plan, additional streets were oiled and, through the repairs made after the flood, some of the roads were left in much better condition than they have been in for some time. We suggest that work done in 1939 follow as closely as possible the plan advanced for that year in our 1937 report.

A traffic census of the Town made by the State in 1937 shows that the need of hard surfacing is greatest on Dresser Street between Orchard and Sayles Streets

and on Charlton Street between Guelph Road and Vinton Street. All other streets having a traffic record equal to these two already have some kind of hard surfacing.

The effect of the storm of September 21st was to delay all construction projects as all the energies of the Town's forces were turned to alleviating damage caused by wind and flood. The greatest damage done by the storm was on private property, especially on the property of factories built close to the river, the damage to Town property being small in comparison. The maximum run off was about one third greater than that of the flood of 1936 and still none of our river bridges were seriously damaged. There is satisfaction in the knowledge that the bridges and walls repaired by the Town after the '36 flood came through this greater flood without need of repair.

The flood not only made the need of draining in some districts more apparent but also damaged the drains themselves leaving them so that the smaller freshets will cause damage to nearby property.

The most urgent need for drainage at present appears to be in the triangular section between Elm and Everett Streets, south of Summer Street.

The flood emergency work, and direct damage from the dam failure, so interfered with the work on Nuisance Brook that the part laid out for 1938 could not be completed before cold weather brought the work to a stop. The cost of the work was also much increased. The brook was cleaned through the entire length of the downtown section. The conditions revealed by this work show that the brook between Main street and the river might cause great loss from floods much smaller than those of 1936 or 1938. This section should be rebuilt at once.

Upon completion of the 1938 section and the one above referred to the danger of heavy loss in floods approaching the size of the 1938 flood will be eliminated. Other sections need correction but the need is not so ur-

gent. However, the danger from even greater floods, or others conditions now unforeseeable, and damage to property along the higher part of the stream can be well taken care of by using the old reservoir properties for control reservoirs. We recommend the Town acquire this property at the present time and rebuild it in the near future. The fact that the land can be used for the most needed kind of recreation grounds makes this project most desirable.

There are a few improvements in our other brooks which are obviously needed and properly the responsibility of the Town. It is, however, useless to make recommendations in this field until rumors of State or Federal gifts for this purpose and hopes based on such rumors are realized—or deflated.

During 1938 four projects for which the sum of \$18,800.00 was appropriated by the Town have been carried on under the management of this department using welfare and Soldiers Relief labor not eligible for W. P. A. This gang was also used for urgent work following the Great Storm to the extent of a \$4,660.00 payroll. In our opinion this work has been very successful, saving the Welfare Department several thousand dollars.

Respectfully,

J. G. CLARKE

Town Engineer





# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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For year ending December 31, 1938

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1938	\$141,446.67	
Receipts for 1938 -----	\$1,187,513.98	
		<u>\$1,328,960.65</u>
1938 Disbursements -----		1,196.305.35
		<u>                    </u>
Balance, Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1938 -----		\$ 132,655.30

## FUNDED DEBT

Due 1939	Denominated	Date of Issue	Amount of Loan	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1938
\$7,500.00	Vocational School Bonds	1922	\$150,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
9,000.00	Eastford Rd. & West St. School Bonds	1936	152,490.00	134,000.00
4,000.00	Northern District Elementary School Bonds	1938	80,000.00	80,000.00
\$75,000.00—Anticipation of Revenue Loan, Due May 1, 1939.				
\$45,000.00—Emergency Loan, Due October 26, 1939.				

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Town Treasurer

## CEMETERY FUND

Book No.	Depository	Balance	Interest
		Dec. 31, 1938	1938
24902	Dedham Inst. for Savings	\$ 2,000.00	\$50.00
91607	Fitchburg Savings Bank	2,500.00	53.13
22841	Lecminster Savings Bank	1,975.00	53.53
4541	Millbury Savings Bank	1,510.87	34.65
32073	Natick Savings Bank	2,500.00	75.00
8465	Southbridge Savings Bank	2,514.25	*92.96
378	People's National Bank	1,000.00	*53.40
153048	Springfield Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	50.00
1498	Salem 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
3791	Ware Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
11619	Webster 5-Cent Savings Bank	4,564.68	111.98
54964	Worcester 5-Cent Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00
942	Southbridge National Bank	.....	*12.50
55266	Worcester People's Bank	.....	*50.00
47299	Worcester Mechanics Bank	.....	*50.00
79028	Worcester County Inst. Savings	.....	*64.88
45792	Athol Savings Bank	.....	*50.00
91964	Cambridge Savings Bank	3,000.00	90.00
170011	Charlestown 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	60.00
49264	Gardner Savings Bank	3,000.00	75.00
82904	Lynn Inst. for Savings	2,000.00	60.00
30302	Newburyport 5-Cent Savings	3,000.00	75.00
183325	New Bedford 5-Cent Savings	2,000.00	50.00
29044	Winchendon Savings Bank	2,000.00	60.00
93327	Worcester No. Savings Inst.	2,175.00	54.36
43927	Attleborough Savings Bank	2,000.00	50.00

## CO-OPERATIVE BANK SHARES

Worcester Co-operative Federal Savings & Loan Association	4,000.00	58.33
Workingmen's Co-operative Bank, Boston	4,000.00	149.00
Merchants Co-operative Bank, Boston	4,000.00	120.00
Mattapan Co-operative Bank, Boston	2,000.00	20.00
Mt. Washington Co-operative Bank, Boston	4,000.00	31.50
Congress Co-operative Bank, Boston	4,000.00	

Totals	\$69,739.80	\$1,925.22
Cemetery Fund as of January 1, 1938	\$69,581.80	



Added to Fund, 1938	450.00
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	\$70,031.80
Less—2/5 withdrawal-Transfer to General Funds	292.00
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Cemetery Fund as of December 31, 1938	\$69,739.80

\* Bank balances transferred in whole or in part to co-operative bank shares or deposits in different banks during 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Treasurer

## TRUST FUNDS

Book No.	Depository	Balance Jan. 1, 1938	Int. 1938	Balance Dec. 31, 1938
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### MARY MYNOTT FUND

46690	Southbridge Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$1,000.00
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### BOYER FUND

31084	Southbridge Savings Bank	326.44	8.21	334.65
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### JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

3553	People's National Bank	1,095.29	27.53	1,122.82
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### ELLA M. COLE FUND

45612	Attleborough Savings Bank	1,000.00	25.00	1,000.00
94985	Cambridge Savings Bank	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00
176397	Charlestown 5-cent Savings	1,000.00	30.00	1,000.00

### HANNAH M. EDWARDS CEMETERY FUND

The First National Bank of Boston,				
Trustee		5,000.00	160.00	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

NORBERT C. BENOIT

Treasurer

# REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Number of Births -----	296
Number of Deaths -----	155
Number of Marriages recorded -----	201
Number of Marriage Intentions recorded -----	191

## DOG LICENSES

Cash balance January 1, 1938 --	\$1.80
Licenses issued 1938	
Males, 612 at \$2.00 -----	\$1,224.00
Females, 79 at \$5.00 -----	395.00
Spayed Females, 139 at \$2.00 -----	278.00
Kennel, 1 at \$25.00 -----	25.00
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	\$1,922.00
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	\$1,923.80
Payments to treasurer -----	\$1,754.00
Fees retained, 831 at .20 -----	166.20
Cash balance December 31, 1938 -----	3.60
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	\$1,923.80
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Cash balance January 1, 1939 --	\$3.60

## MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES

Licenses issued 1938:

Auctioneer -----	\$10.00
Junk -----	75.00

Pool and bowling -----	92.00	
Gasoline and oil certificates of registration -----	11.50	
		<u>\$188.50</u>
Payments to treasurer -----	8.50	
Cash balance December 31, 1938	180.00	
		<u>\$188.50</u>
Cash balance January 1, 1938 --		<u>\$180.00</u>
Payments to treasurer -----		<u>180.00</u>

## SPORTING LICENSES

## Licenses issued 1938:

Series No.	1	808 at \$2.00 --	\$1,616.00	
	2	176 at 2.00 --	352.00	
	3	259 at 3.25 --	841.75	
	4	206 at 1.25 --	257.50	
	5	1 at 2.25 --	2.25	
	6	8 at 5.25 --	42.00	
	8	2 at 1.50 --	3.00	
	10	3 at 5.25 --	15.75	
	11	1 at 10.25 --	10.25	
	14	12 at .50 --	6.00	
				<u>\$3,146.50</u>
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game -----			\$2,683.75	
Fees retained at .25 -----			366.00	
Over payment per previous audit			4.00	
Cash balance December 31, 1938			92.75	
				<u>\$3,146.50</u>
Cash balance January 1, 1939 --			92.75	

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE P. BOYER

Town Clerk of Southbridge, Massachusetts

# REPORT OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

All Appropriations Voted Since 1937 Tax Rate Was Fixed.

Total appropriations as certified by Town Clerk to be raised by taxation -----	\$569,348.92	
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds		
In 1938 -----	\$56,438.06	
In 1937 since 1937 tax rate was fixed -----	19,729.42	
	<u>76,167.48</u>	
		\$645,516.40
Other amounts required to be raised:		
Old Age Assistance, 1934 Ab. Acct. -----	\$ 3.00	
Old Age Assistance, 1933 Spec. State Tax -----	69.00	
	<u>72.00</u>	
		\$ 72.00
STATE: Tax and Assmt's. 1938 Ests. 1937 Underests.		
State Tax -----	\$17,680.00	\$1,357.50
Auditing Municipal Accounts -----	342.40	
State Parks and Reservations -----	473.65	128.41
Veterans' exemptions -	37.43	1.89
	<u>\$18,533.48</u>	<u>\$1,487.80</u>
		\$ 20,021.28

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COUNTY: Tax and Assessments

County Tax ----- \$24,602.37

Tuberculosis Hospital - 13,424.70

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\$38,027.07

\$38,027.07

OVERLAY of current year ----- \$ 5,007.49

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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED ---- \$708,644.24

## Estimated Receipts for the year

1938 ----- \$191,517.01

Overestimates of previous year  
to be used as available funds.

County Tax ----- \$ 19.31

Appropriations voted by Town  
meeting to be taken from  
available funds.Approved by Commissioner of  
Corporations and Taxation

March 18, 1938 \$30,969.25

—May 18, 1938 \$45,198.23 \$ 76,167.48

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TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND  
AVAILABLE FUNDS -----

\$267,703.80

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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAX-  
ATION ON POLLS AND PROPERTY --

\$440,940.44

Number of Polls 5134 at \$2.00 ----- \$ 10,268.00

Total Valuation: Personal Property \$2,016,-  
565 at Tax Rate of \$35.40 ----- \$ 71,368.40Total Valuation: Real Estate \$10,149,300.00  
at Tax Rate of \$35.40 ----- \$359,285.22Gains or loss on account of fractional divi-  
sions of tax rate ----- \$ .82

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TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON POLLS  
AND PROPERTY -----

\$440,940.44



Betterment and special assessments:

Sidewalk Assessments, Apportioned and Interest -----	\$	41.50
Sewer Assessments, Apportioned and Interest -----		398.73

Total Assessments Committed		440.23
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ON POLLS AND PROPERTY COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR JANUARY 1, 1938 -----		\$441,380.67
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ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS:

June 27, 1938

Polls 28 at \$2.00 -----	\$	56.00
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Warrant to Collector June 27, 1938 -----	\$	56.00
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December 8, 1938

Polls 26 at \$2.00 -----		52.00
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Warrant to Collector December 8, 1938 -----		52.00
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Total Assessed Valuation on Personal, and Real Estate for 1938 -----	\$	12,165,865
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Total Warrants to Collector on POLLS, PERSONAL, REAL ESTATE and SEWER and SIDEWALK Assessments for 1938 -----		\$411,488.67
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Valuation of Motor Vehicles for 1938 -----		\$997,870.00
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Tax on Motor Vehicles for 1938	\$	29,754.41
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Warrant to Collector for 1938	\$	29,754.41
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Total Assessed Valuation for 1938 -----	\$13,163,735
Total Warrants to Collector for 1938 -----	\$441,243.08
Rate of Local Tax per thousand -----	\$ 35.40
Rate of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax per thou- sand -----	35.15

### VALUE OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Churches, Schools and Hospital -----	\$1,536,300.00
U. S. P. O. Property -----	98,000.00
Town Property -----	1,547,860.00
	<u>\$3,182,160.00</u>

### NUMBER OF PERSONS ASSESSED

	Individuals	All Others	Total
On Personal Estate Only	302	33	335
On Real Estate Only	708	1036	1744
On Both Personal and Real Estate	115	17	132

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ASSESSED 2211

Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed ----- 3978

JOSEPH T. GERVAIS,  
PHILIAS F. X. CASAVANT,  
JOSEPH METRAS,  
Board of Assessors.

# REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

In accordance with the law and custom, I submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1938. Giving names of members of the fire department, values of properties under my supervision, number of fires we responded to, value of properties where loss occurred, dates and locations of fires, also recommendations I deem necessary for the ensuing year.

The balance from last year's appropriation was \$99.08.

I recommend an appropriation of \$26,078.00.

We responded to 206 still alarms, and 14 bell alarms. Total 220.

219 Hydrants at \$55.25 each per year \$12,196.75.

The detailed report and budget follows:

Value of buildings -----	\$450,600.00
Loss on buildings -----	5,632.95
Insurance on buildings -----	445,050.00
Insurance paid on buildings -----	5,656.95
Value of contents -----	178,500.00
Loss on contents -----	1,587.45
Insurance on contents -----	144,000.00
Insurance paid on contents -----	812.45

## INVENTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Two fire stations -----	\$ 75,000.00
Fire apparatus -----	36,000.00
Fire department supplies -----	9,000.00
Gamewell fire alarm system -----	7,000.00

# ROSTER OF THE SOUTHBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF

Joseph E. Ducheneau

## DEPUTY CHIEF

George W. Laughnane

## ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF

Henry Lavoie

## PERMANENT MEN

Oswald Meunier, House Captain	Napoleon Donais
George W. Lavallee, Captain No. 2	Emile Caouette
George Lamothe, House Lieutenant	Almanzar Martel
Dan Daniels	George Jolie

## CALLMAN HOSE NO. 1

Michael Maloney, Captain	Hermas Lippe
Hormidas Belanger, Lieutenant	Lionel Peloquin
Napoleon Fontaine	Armand Dumas
Victor Tavernier	Leopold Langlois
Henry Desourdy	George Lavallee
Dominic Santo	Archie Langevin

## CALLMAN LADDER NO. 1

Leandre Coutu, Captain	Napoleon Blais
Felix Lavallee, Lieutenant	Ovila Donais
Ovide Desrosier	Romeo Laroche
Isadore Lafleche	Arthur Caplette
Eugene Blais	Romeo Lippe

## CALLMAN HOSE NO. 2

Telesphore Leduc, Lieutenant	Jules Duff
Albert Tremblay	Adelard Lepage
Isadore L'Heureux	Ernest McDonald
Theodore Benoit	Alva Gregoire
	Eugene Gaumond

## SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

James C. Sandgren

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- January 4—Box 34 at 12:03 P. M. Stores and rooms at 267 Main street. Owned by the Y. M. C. A. Caused by electric iron. Insured.
- January 8—Still alarm at 5:55 A. M. Meat shop at 32 Green ave. Owned by Southbridge Provision Co. Caused by smoke house. Insured.
- January 25—Still alarm at 5:40 A. M. Brooder house at Eastford road. Owned by Romeo Lippe. Caused by overheated brooder stove. Not insured.
- February 3—Still alarm at 4:20 A. M. Tenement at 391 South street. Owned by Gideon Pinsonneault. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- February 10—Still alarm at 9:59 A. M. Tenements at 225 Worcester street. Owned by Albert Bonnette. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- March 8—Still alarm at 12:43 P. M. Tenements at 37 Thomas street. Owned by Miss Proulx. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- March 9—Still alarm at 9:45 A. M. at 33 Plimpton street. Owned by N. Girard. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.
- March 15—Still alarm at 1:30 P. M. Tenements at 89 School street. Owned by Pauline Delnersti. Caused by cigarette. Insured.
- April 17—Box 34 at 6:42 P. M. Stores and rooms. Owned by Costa Bros. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- April 22—Box 64 at 8:55 A. M. Barn at Mill street. Owned by the town. Caused by pitch kettle. Insured.
- April 27—Still alarm at 8:50 A. M. Stores and tenements



- at 348 Hamilton street. Owned by Adelard Laporte. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- May 1—Still alarm at 9:27 A. M. Tenements at 15 Union street. Owned by Mrs. Phillips. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.
- May 8—Box 47 at 2:25 A. M. Cafe at 90 Worcester street. Owned by Claude Pelletier. Caused by careless smoking. Insured.
- May 15—Still alarm at 3:10 P. M. Dwelling at 27 Plimpton street. Owned by Paul Bokas. Caused by defective chimney. Insured.
- May 25—Still alarm at 4:40 P. M. Tenements at 36 Winter street. Owned by Frank Nichols. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- May 29—Still alarm at 11:30 P. M. Paint store and lumber yard at Foster and Central streets. Owned by F. X. Laliberte & Son. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.
- May 31—Still alarm at 8:27 A. M. Tenements at 252 Hamilton street. Owned by Mrs. Simpson. Caused by oil burner. Insured.
- June 7—Still alarm at 8:10 P. M. Dwelling at 24 Gardner street. Owned by Edgar Richard. Caused by lightning. Insured.
- June 22—Box 42 at 12:50 A. M. Dwelling at 15 Kingsley street. Owned by Joseph Iozzo. Caused by careless smoking. insured.
- July 13—Still alarm at 4:22 P. M. Dwelling at 314 Hamilton street. Owned by Dr. Raymond Haling. Caused by rubbish. Insured.
- July 23—Still alarm at 7:15 A. M. At 66 Cisco street. Owned by Mrs. Herbert Wells. Caused by defective wiring. Insured.



August 2—Still alarm at 3:07 P. M. At 75 Morris street. Owned by Phillip Stevens. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.

October 28—Box 63 at 7:03 A. M. Tenements at 163 Mill street. Owned by Joseph Demers. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

November 2—Still alarm at 6:45 P. M. At Dudley road. Owned by W. Szlosek. Caused by defective chimney. Insured.

November 30—Still alarm at 2:20 A. M. Store house and tenement at 52 Central street. Owned by Halpin estate. Caused by overheated stove pipe. Insured.

December 11—Box 52 at 4:22 P. M. Tenement at 175 Morris street. Owned by Edward Reyor. Caused by paint remover. Insured.

December 16—Box 41 at 11:58 P. M. Shed and garage at 111 Main street. Owned by Dr. Richard Dresser. Caused by spontaneous combustion. Insured.

December 28—Still alarm at 5:08 P. M. Dwelling at 116 Dresser street. Owned by George Dupaul. Caused by sparks from chimney. Insured.

December 29—Still alarm at 6:00 P. M. Dwelling at 27 Walcott street. Owned by Joseph Benoit. Caused by sparks from chimney. Insured.

December 31—Still alarm at 3:10 P. M. Dwelling at 59 Golf street. Owned by Alex Dydinski. Caused by overheated chimney. Insured.

In closing my report for the year, I wish to thank the citizens for their co-operation, and the members of the fire department for their loyalty to their work.

In conclusion the chief, Joseph E. Ducheneau, on behalf of the members of the fire department wish to thank

the Board of Selectmen and the other Town officials for their courtesy and consideration of the department.

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU,

Chief

GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE,

Deputy Chief and Clerk

For the Fire Department

Oswald Meunier

Assistant Clerk

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

Permits to keep, store, and sell explosives, and maintain garages:

PERMITS

Range oil burners -----	3086
Power oil burners -----	423
Maintain garages -----	192
Fire works -----	17
Open air permits -----	46
High explosives -----	5
Remove empty gas tanks -----	4

INSPECTIONS

Hotels and boarding houses -----	14
Tenement houses -----	792
Garages -----	192
Range oil burners -----	3086
Power oil burners -----	423

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

The forest fire department answered 13 alarms for forest fires in 1938.

Last year appropriation was \$200.00.

The balance from last year appropriation was \$100.39.

Fire Warden's salary \$200.00

I recommend an appropriation of \$200.00.

There were 46 permits for fires in the open.

I wish at this time to thank the people for their good will and again ask their co-operation with this department to prevent forest fires in this vicinity.

### Inventory of the Forest Fire Department

One forest fire pump with 3000 feet of hose ----	\$800.00
One ton and one half Ford truck -----	200.00
One Chevrolet Truck -----	100.00
One ton Ford Truck -----	50.00
Thirty-nine 2½ gallon fire extinguishers -----	288.00
Two five gallon cans -----	3.00
Six four gallon cans -----	2.00
Three five gallon pumps -----	15.00
Six ten gallon pumps -----	30.00
Ten ten quart pails -----	6.00
Two shovels -----	2.00

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU

Forest Fire Warden

## REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

In rendering my report for the past year, I wish to state that there was an appropriation of \$150.00 for this department.

The ambulance department has collected \$242.00 in 1938.

For the coming year, I recommend an appropriation of \$150.00.

The balance from last year appropriation was \$95.30.

During the year the ambulance made the following trips.

Southbridge -----	127
Worcester -----	22
Charlton -----	11
Sturbridge -----	6
Boston -----	5
Fiskdale -----	4
Rutland -----	2
Brimfield -----	2
Fall River -----	1
West Medford -----	1
Spencer -----	1
Foster, Rhode Island -----	1

### Inventory of the Ambulance Department

One Ford ambulance -----	\$1,200.00
One spare tire -----	10.00
One folding stretcher -----	20.00
One first aid kit -----	5.00
Six blankets -----	24.00
Twelve sheets -----	9.00
Ten pillow cases -----	5.00
Two pillows -----	3.00

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU  
Chief of the Fire Department





# REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit for your consideration my yearly report ending December 31, 1938.

## CHIEF

Ulric Brault

## PATROLMEN

Joseph Paquin	Ernest J. Fierro
Oliva Martin	Albert Lamarine
Joseph Morin	John Lango Jr.
Arthur Murphy	Arthur Bouthillier
Alfred E. Lariviere	Arcade Grenier
John M. Beaudry	Sylvio Bachand
Carl Corriveau	James B. Laughnane

## JANITOR AND ASSISTANT LOCKUP KEEPER

Ovide O. Desrosiers

Arrests made by the department during the year ending December 31, 1938: Total Arrests 688, Males 651, Females 37, Juveniles 14, Residents 469, Non-residents 219.

## OFFENSES

Assault and Battery -----	22
Robbery -----	2
Threats -----	1
Breaking and Entering -----	31
Fraud -----	4
Larceny -----	49
Malicious Mischief -----	14
Receiving Stolen Goods -----	6
Trespassing -----	2
Using Motor Vehicle Without Authority --	15
Abortion -----	1
Violation of Town By Laws -----	1
Delinquency -----	1
Disturbing the Peace -----	12
Operating Motor Vehicle to Endanger -----	3
Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Liquor -----	21
Drunkenness -----	268
Violation of Fish and Game Laws -----	1
Fornication -----	2
Gaming and Being Present -----	9
Illegitimate Child Act -----	3
Lewdness -----	7
Violating the Lottery Laws -----	2
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws -----	118
Non-support -----	28
Peddling Without a License -----	10
Stubborness -----	3

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Vagrants -----	21
Carrying a Weapon Without License -----	3
Insane -----	8
Fugitive from Justice -----	8
Amusement Without a License -----	1
Violation Order of the Court -----	8
Cursing -----	1
Having Dynamite Without a License -----	1
Runaway -----	1

#### Miscellaneous

Goods Stolen and Recovered -----	\$6,098.00
Goods Stolen Not Recovered -----	1,543.62
Accidents Investigated -----	47
Motor Vehicles Stolen and Recovered -----	15
Doors and Windows Found Unlocked -	113
Motor Vehicle Licenses Suspended ----	132

In behalf of the police officers and myself I wish to thank your Honorable Board and other town officials for their consideration during the year,

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT

Chief

December 31, 1938

PROPERTY IN CHARGE OF THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Building and Land ----- \$60,000.00

Furniture and Equipment ----- 5,000.00

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\$65,000.00

ULRIC BRAULT

Chief of Police

# REPORT of the TRUSTEES of the JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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## TRUSTEES

For the Town

Robert P. Montague

Seaver Rice

Oswald J. Laliberte

Edward E. LeClair

For the Edwards Bequest

Richard C. Paige, Chairman

Gertrude W. Smith

George B. Wells

## LIBRARY HOURS

Week Days, except January 1, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Armistice Day until 2 p. m., Thanksgiving Day and Christmas—10 to 12; 2 to 9 p. m.; (when schools are in session, until 12:15); Sundays, October-May (for reading), 2 to 9.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Edwards Memorial Library:  
Circulation

Many reasons are offered why the circulation of books in public libraries increases or decreases. Probably business conditions and the type of school teachers are as good an explanation as any. That the general public is constantly reading more and better books, there is no question. People are learning that books make life more interesting, as well as profitable.

Whatever the reason, there was a large increase in circulation in the Library during 1938. In every month but two (January and April), the circulation was much larger than during 1937. During the year, 104,988 volumes were circulated—an increase of 12,498 volumes, or 13½ per cent. Of this number, 22,433 volumes were non-fiction; 57,843 volumes were adult fiction; 24,712 volumes were books for boys and girls.

In 1935, and again in 1936, more than 27,000 juvenile books were circulated. Children will read if books are presented to them enthusiastically by their teachers. Without question, the teachers of the High school realize the value of outside reading and their pupils respond; it is unfortunate for the children that the teachers of the grade schools do not all realize their opportunities.

## Books

1,031 new books were added during the year; 76 of these were gifts, 169 came from the Duplicate Pay collection. 434 books were replaced; 2,114 books were discarded as wornout, or out of date. The State urges systematic inspection and revision of the collection of books. Unless this is done, the books get out of date and become a liability rather than an asset. An example of this was the request from the Lens & Shutter club that we buy some up-to-date books on photography, a request which we were able to meet through the income of the Bradford Fund.

It is the function of the Library to provide the best books for all purposes—for recreation, education and vo-



cations; also for what is of supreme importance, to furnish up-to-date information on the many problems of our times. It is hardly to be expected that any public library can supply the current best sellers in sufficient quantity to satisfy readers, certainly not our Library, which spent \$1,873 during 1938 for replacements (both adult and children's books), as well as new books of every kind.

The Rental collection has helped tremendously in filling the demand for the current best sellers—when the books have paid for themselves, they are placed in the Library. 169 books were added by this method in 1938.

### Registration

641 new names were registered at the Library during the year—10,998 names are registered. This is an unusually large registration; 70 %. The average registration in public libraries is from 30 % to 50 % of the population.

### Loans & Gifts

Books in French, Polish, Greek and Italian continue to be loaned to the Library by the Mass. Library Commission. The American Legion Auxiliary presented the War memoirs of Robert Lansing. Books were presented to the Library by George Wells, Mrs. Clara McMaster, Miss Cady, S. D. Chamberlain and Eskil Anderson.

### Publicity

Printed lists of Outstanding books are distributed monthly and annually. The Southbridge News has kindly printed information about the Library each week.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA E. MIERSCH,

Librarian

The income of the Library for 1938 was:

Town appropriation -----	\$7,875.00
Edwards Bequest -----	1,780.53
Balance—Edwards Bequest -----	36.09
Bradford Fund -----	132.55
Miss Miersch's salary for three months -----	474.99
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	\$2,424.16

Expenditures—Trust Funds & Miss Miersch's Salary

Salaries -----	559.82
Assistants by hour	
Books -----	1,067.39
Building & Grounds -----	142.05
Coal -----	305.90
Light -----	175.34
Equipment -----	65.16
Supplies -----	67.28
Expense -----	41.12
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	\$2,424.06

Balance Trust Funds Jan. 1, 1939, ----- \$ .10

As the Library was unable to meet the bills for electricity for Nov. and Dec. and the Water Supply bill, it was necessary to ask the Town to pay those bills.

The Library turned back to the Town \$628.23 in fines, so that the appropriation by the Town for the Library amounted to \$7,246.77.

“The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall, nations perish, civilizations grow old and die out, and after an era of darkness new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again and yet live on, still young, still as fresh as the day they were written; still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead.”—Clarence Day.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
FORM OF STATISTICS

Name of Library ----	Jacob Edwards Memorial Library
Town and State -----	Southbridge, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian -----	Ella E. Miersch
Date of Founding -----	1871
Population Served -----	15,786
Number of days open during year -----	339
Hours open each week for reading -----	55-62
Hours open each week for lending -----	55
Number of Volumes at beginning of year ---	27,468
Number of Volumes added -----	1,465
New -----	1,031
Replaced -----	434
Number of volumes added by gift, and from	
Duplicate Pay -----	245
Number of volumes worn out and discarded _	2,113
Number of volumes at end of year -----	26,820
Circulation per capita -----	6.65
Number of registered borrowers -----	10,998
Number of volumes lent for home use -----	104,988

# REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES AND BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

## Wiring Dept.

Permits issued for new work .....	176
Permits issued for addition to old work .....	364
Inspections while work is in progress .....	1524
Recommendations to alter wiring .....	96
New signs (window and street) .....	75
Temporary permits .....	164

## Building Dept.

Permits issued for one family house .....	39
Permits issued for two family house .....	21
Permits issued for three family house .....	7
Permits issued for four family house .....	2
Permits issued for garages .....	29
Permits issued for alterations .....	29
Additional families provided for .....	140
Total cost of construction .....	\$432,600.00

Needless to say the hurricane and flood gave this department a lot of work, several hundred electric wires

and motors were under water requiring inspection and check up.

This coupled with the Elm St. building development forced me to obtain help, I was fortunate in being able to acquire the services of Mr. George L'Heureux, architectural draftsman at the American Optical Co.

With the splendid co-operation of Mr. John Casey, State Insp., Mr. Carroll Dean, Div. Supt., Mr. Stanley Joslin and our Fire Chief, Mr. Joseph Ducheneau, we were able to give to Southbridge, service at all hours and any day of the week.

Respectfully Yours,

EMERY A. LAVALLEE.



# REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Board of Sewer Commissioners is pleased to report that during the year 1938 it was able to keep within its appropriation for the year.

During 1938 the Board issued 34 permits to connect drains from dwellings into the Town sewage system.

During 1938 the sewers have been extended a distance of 95 feet on Beech st. and, as WPA projects, 1,300 feet on Morris st. and 1,640 feet on lower Elm st. at Lebanon Park, so-called (the latter project is not completed at the time of making this report.)

The Board has spent considerable time in devising ways and means of relieving the Town sewer disposal system of the unnecessary burden of surface drainage that is placed upon it. As far back as 1926 the Board of Sewer Commissioners reported that the sewage disposal system was inadequate if it were to continue to be called upon to dispose of surface water as had hitherto been done. Consequently the Board at that time asked property owners to cooperate by disconnecting from the sewer drains the surface water or gutter drains that at that time emptied therein and to dispose of this flow in some other manner.

Since 1926 approximately 16,000 additional feet of sanitary sewers has been constructed to take care of over 6,100 sanitary fixtures with only three filter beds con-



structed during that time to take care of this additional flow and the surface drainage nuisance has not abated but has more than proportionately increased during this period. Having all these facts in mind and the additional fact that the periodic tests of the State Department of Public Health of late are becoming increasingly more and more unfavorable as regards the efficiency of the Town filter beds, the Board feels that it is just a question of a short time before the Town will be forced to spend considerable money acquiring a modern up-to-date sewage disposal plant.

The Board feels that the Town has a heavy enough tax burden to face right now and in the near future without being called upon to purchase a new sewage disposal works. Consequently with the end in view of putting off the evil of the day of such a purchase as long as possible the Board came to the conclusion that it would help tremendously if some of the load on said filtration beds could be eliminated. It is with this end in view that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by law, the Board has recently passed an order providing that all surface drainage must not be allowed to empty into the Town sewer, and the Board has provided a penalty for any violation of this order.

Although this may cause a small hardship on a few people we feel it is for the common good.

Recent measurements show that in dry weather the sewage delivered to the disposal plant averages about 900,000 gals. in 24 hours. During the period covered by these measurements the water delivered to the Town averaged 812,000 gals. daily, and it is estimated that about 90% of this, say 730,000 gals. found its way into the sanitary sewers.

The difference indicates the amount getting into the sewers from ground water through imperfect construction of sewers and manholes—about 170,000 gals. daily.

This is not a surprising figure when compared with other systems, but following a rain the conditions are quite different.

After a recent rainfall of .96 inches the rate of flow to the sewage beds was more than doubled at maximum. During the floods of '36 and '38 the trunk sewer, which has a capacity of about 3,000,000 gals. daily could not carry the flow.

These facts indicate that there are direct connections with storm water—such as roof drains, cellar drains in very wet cellars and breaks or especially poor construction in swamps or across streams.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LAFLECHE, chairman

PIERRE BENOIT, clerk

BERNARD ALLARD

# REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

## TAXES OF 1935

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --		\$534.17
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$495.01	
Abated -----	39.16	
		<u>\$534.17</u>

## TAXES OF 1936

Outstanding January 1, 1938 ---		\$20,783.83
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$20,321.69	
Abated -----	207.73	
Tax Title -----	8.26	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	246.15	
		<u>\$20,783.83</u>

## TAXES OF 1937 PERSONAL

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --		\$3,056.83
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$2,151.58	
Abated -----	67.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	837.75	
		<u>\$3,056.83</u>

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TAXES OF 1937 REAL ESTATE

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$55,598.92
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$38,100.91
Abated -----	115.82
Tax Title -----	7.64
Outstanding December 31, 1938	17,365.72
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	\$55,598.92
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## TAXES OF 1938 PERSONAL

Commitment per warrant of May 26, 1938 -----	\$71,386.57
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$67,821.09
Abated -----	47.27
Outstanding December 31, 1938	3,518.21
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	\$71,386.57
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## TAXES OF 1938 REAL ESTATE

Commitment per warrant of March 21, 1938 -----	\$10,268.00
Commitment per warrant of May 31, 1938 -----	359,285.87
Commitment per warrant of June 27, 1938 -----	56.00
Commitment per warrant of December 8, 1938 -----	52.00
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	\$369,661.87
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$297,290.32
Abated -----	2,112.63
Tax Title -----	1,906.99
Outstanding December 31, 1938	68,351.93
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	\$369,661.87
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### 1936 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$12.02
Abated -----	<u>12.02</u>

### 1937 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$808.32
Reported as refund should be outstanding -----	7.35
Commitment per warrant of Jan- uary 11, 1938 -----	272.87
Commitment per warrant of Jan- uary 31, 1938 -----	6.00
	<u>\$1,094.54</u>
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$854.95
Abated -----	<u>239.59</u>
	<u>\$1,094.54</u>

Refund paid on Motor Vehicle Excise tax -----	\$124.27
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### 1938 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Commitment per warrant of April 1, 1938 -----	\$14,939.71
Commitment per warrant of April 9, 1938 -----	7,489.05
Commitment per warrant of August 3, 1938 -----	5,472.14
Commitment per warrant of Oct- ober 17, 1938 -----	1,031.19
Commitment per warrant of De- cember 9, 1938 -----	555.56
	<u>\$29,487.65</u>
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$27,713.67
Abated -----	1,306.84
Outstanding December 31, 1938	<u>467.14</u>
	<u>\$29,487.65</u>

Refunds paid on Motor Vehicle Excise tax -----	\$425.98
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## 1936 APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$84.57
Payments to Treasurer -----	<u>\$84.57</u>

1936 APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1938 ---	\$7.56
Payments to Treasurer -----	<u>7.56</u>

## 1936 UNAPPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$186.49
Payments to Treasurer -----	<u>186.49</u>

1936 UNAPPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENT  
INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$1.59
Payments to Treasurer -----	<u>1.59</u>
Added interest paid to Treasurer on Unapportioned Sewer --	\$2.73

## 1937 SEWER ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$668.42
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$280.94
Abated -----	99.97
Outstanding December 31, 1938	<u>287.51</u>
	<u>668.42</u>

## 1937 SEWER ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --	\$43.11
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$19.31
Outstanding December 31, 1938	<u>23.80</u>
	<u>43.11</u>
Added interest paid to Treasurer on Sewer Assessment -----	\$5.17



## 1938 SEWER ASSESSMENT

Commitment per warrant of May		
26, 1938 -----		\$338.78
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$237.34	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	101.44	
	<u>          </u>	\$338.78
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## 1938 SEWER ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Commitment per warrant of May		
26, 1938 -----		\$59.95
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$39.36	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	20.59	
	<u>          </u>	\$59.95
		<u>          </u>

## 1938 SPECIAL SEWER ASSESSMENT

Commitment per warrant of		
March 8, 1938 -----		\$1,292.36
Commitment per warrant of		
March 8, 1938 -----		290.46
Commitment per warrant of		
March 28, 1938 -----		3,132.55
Commitment per warrant of		
March 28, 1938 -----		699.17
Commitment per warrant of		
March 28, 1938 -----		1,102.50
Commitment per warrant of		
April 11, 1938 -----		341.13
		<u>          </u>
		\$6,858.17
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$1,977.80	
To be added to Taxes -----	4,730.27	
Abated -----	150.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$6,858.17
		<u>          </u>

## 1937 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --		\$79.30
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$38.47	
Abated -----	1.85	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	38.98	
		<u>\$79.30</u>
Payments to Treasurer on Subsequent Sidewalk -----		\$60.18

## 1937 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Outstanding January 1, 1938 --		\$4.99
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$3.92	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	1.07	
		<u>\$4.99</u>

## 1938 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

Commitment per warrant of May 26, 1938 -----		\$37.07
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$18.67	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	18.40	
		<u>\$37.07</u>

## 1938 SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT INTEREST

Commitment per warrant of May 26, 1938 -----		\$4.43
Payments to Treasurer -----	\$1.12	
Outstanding December 31, 1938	3.31	
		<u>\$4.43</u>

## INTEREST ON TAXES

Interest on 1935 Levy -----	\$161.50
Interest on 1936 Levy -----	1,801.04
Interest on 1937 Levy (Excise) -	5.40

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Interest 1937 Levy (Personal) _	51.32
Interest on 1937 Levy (Real Es- tate) -----	901.04
Interest on 1938 Levy (Personal)	.40
Interest on 1938 Levy (Real Es- tate) -----	39.65
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	\$2,960.35
Demands on 1938 Taxes -----	\$123.20

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the Town as well as the various Town Officials for their continued co-operation during the past year.

Respectively submitted,

M. DUHAMEL

Tax Collector



# REPORT of the SEALER of WEIGHTS and MEASURES

January 2, 1939

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

The following is the report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1938.

I recommend that this department be supplied with a test truck for the testing of oil tanks and meters. We have a new condition existing brought about by the increasing number of dealers. With the equipment already in the department it is impossible to give proper check to the dealer and to the public.

Such a piece of equipment would be purchased at a cost of about three hundred dollars.

G. R. LARIVIERE

Sealer

## SCALES

	A	S	C
Platform Over 10,000 lbs. -----	1	4	
Platform Over 5,000 lbs. -----		1	
Platform Under 5,000 lbs. -----	5	51	2
Counter Under 1,000 lbs. -----		57	
Beam Over 100 lbs. -----		6	
Spring Over 100 lbs. -----		1	

	A	S	C
Spring Under 100 lbs. -----		73	2
Computing Under 100 lbs. -----		79	
Personal Weighing -----		17	
Prescription -----		4	

## WEIGHTS

Avoirdupois -----	355
Apothecary -----	62
Metric -----	17

## MEASURES

Vehicle Tanks -----	9
Liquid -----	39
Gas Pumps -----	1
Gas Meters -----	45
Kerosene -----	1
Stops on Pumps -----	4
Yard Sticks -----	10

## INSPECTIONS AND TRIAL WEIGHINGS

	Weighed	Correct	Over	Under
Bread -----	300	290	8	2
Butter -----	153	153		
Beans -----	35	35		
Coal in Bags -----	10	10		
Confectionery -----	118	118		
Flour -----	82	82		
Potatoes -----	172	162		10
Provisions -----	138	138		
Clinical Thermometers -----	45			
Markings on Bread -----	300			
Markings on Food -----	580			
Peddlers Inspected -----	42			
Peddlers Prosecuted -----	5			

The above report is a detailed report of the 2,816 inspections of 1938.

G. R. LARIVIERE

Sealer



# REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Immediately after the Town elections in March, the members of the Board of Health met and organized as follows:- Dr. Charles Simpson, Chairman, Dr. Armand DeGrenier, clerk, and Dr. Herve Desmarais the third member.

Meetings were held monthly throughout the year and special meetings were called whenever necessary.

Bids for garbage collection, were received and opened at the regular business meeting. The contract was awarded to Martin Krosowsky, for bi-weekly collections from April 1st. to Dec. 1st. and weekly the remaining part of the year. Complaints made to this office were investigated and in many instances, the difficulty was caused by un-authorized collectors. To eliminate this matter as much as possible the Board decided to publish in the local newspapers the rules and fine for violation of garbage collection. We would appreciate the co-operation of the community in helping us, to give adequate service, by reporting anyone collecting without a permit.

All nuisances reported were investigated and written notices sent in cases where conditions were urgent for prevention of disease. Also recommendations made to abate same.

At the March Town Meeting the animal inspector was placed under the jurisdiction of the selectmen, and the supervision of the public dump was transferred, from the Health to the Highway department.

Mr. Henry S. Aucoin was appointed milk, food and slaughtering inspector, with the approval of the State Department of Public Health.

Mr. Joseph Chagnon was appointed June 14th. a full time plumbing inspector with the approval of the State Civil Service Commission.

The September hurricane and flood created an emergency of unusual measure. However, with the aid and recommendations of the State and Federal Officers, the Board of Health endeavored to give the community all necessary information for their protection. At this time we are happy to record no outbreak of disease, in fact we've had an exceptionally healthy year.

The sudden and untimely death of Dr. Charles Simpson, chairman of the Board, was keenly felt by his fellow co-workers. Dr. William E. Langevin was appointed by the joint boards of Selectmen and Health, to finish his unexpired term.

We have maintained all our clinics for the detection and immunization of disease, also the hospitalization of the Tubercular patient.

The activities of the department have been carried on during the year, by the appointed officers, as efficiently as possible, and we wish to thank all who have co-operated with them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. DESMARAIS, D. D. S.

A O. DeGRENIER, D. M. D.

W. E. LANGEVIN, M. D.

## *Dr. Charles Simpson*

Dr. Simpson was first elected a member of the Board of Health in 1925. He served seven years as chairman, and five years as clerk. Through his efforts all available health resources were brought into the community, for the promotion of health and prevention of disease. He heartily sponsored any measure that would benefit the greatest number.

For the last eight years he was appointed medical inspector for the private schools, devoting most of his time to this work. He was extremely interested in the well being of the children and personally assisted to raise funds to supply free milk for the under-privileged children.

The Board of Health take this occasion to salute the memory of Dr. Charles Simpson,—a conscientious worker in the field of public health—a friend whose memory will ever be cherished, and a public servant who at the sacrifice of himself, strove upward toward a goal of good health and sanitation for the Town of Southbridge.

## Report of ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE PARO- CHIAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

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January, 1939

To the Board of Health,  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The annual physical inspection of pupils in the various parochial schools was begun by the late Doctor Simpson, who at the time of his death had completed the examination of 337 pupils, consisting of all of St. Mary's school (enrollment 138) and 199 pupils at Ste. Jeanne d'Arc school.

As a result of this inspection, defects requiring prompt correction and notices to the parents to that effect numbered 25 at St. Mary's, and 70 at Ste. Jeanne d'Arc.

Completion of the inspection by the undersigned disclosed the following results:

At Ste. Jeanne d'Arc:

Number of pupils examined ---- 160

Notices to parents ----- 73

At Notre Dame:

Number of pupils examined ---- 586

Notices to parents ----- 233

Distribution of the defects noted was as follows:

Cariou teeth -----	277	Faulty posture -----	21
Diseased tonsils -----	114	Curvature of the spine_	3
Malnutrition -----	8	Enlarged lymph nodes_	12
Heart lesions -----	12	Discharging ears -----	4
Eyes corrected with		Skin eruption -----	4
glasses -----	31	Impetigo -----	1

It is gratifying to note the co-operation shown by the parents in the remedying of the defects as they are called to their attention. With improved economic conditions even a greater response is to be expected. Even now the general state of health of the parochial school children may be considered as very good.

The undersigned acknowledges with deepest appreciation the kind co-operation of the Sisters in these inspections. He is further highly indebted to Miss Houle for her untiring assistance in this work.

WM. E. LANGEVIN, M.D.

Inspector



## REPORT OF AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs :

As agent for the Board of Health, I hereby submit the following contagious diseases reported during the year. Cases were quarantined according to local regulations, and home visits made to instruct the family to prevent the spread of disease.

Chicken Pox .....	10	Mumps .....	14
Dog Bite .....	17	Septic Sore Throat .....	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	Whooping Cough .....	7
Lobar Pneumonia .....	16	Measles .....	1
Scarlet Fever .....	3	Actinomycosis .....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	7	Tuberculosis of Spine ..	1
Total .....	79		

List of deaths in Town for which this office has issued permits for burial.

### DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

Angina Pectoris .....	2	Arteriosclerosis .....	7
Acute Dilation of Heart	1	Acute Endocarditis .....	1
Coronary Thrombosis ..	5	Coronary Heart Disease	1
Coronary Sclerosis .....	2	Myocardial Degeneration	5
Myocardial Failure .....	2	Myocarditis .....	5
Myocardial Hypertension	1	Rheumatic Heart .....	1
Pulmonary Embolism ..	2	Pulmonary Edema .....	2

### DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

Broncho Pneumonia .....	6	Lobar Pneumonia .....	7
Hypostatic Pneumonia ..	2	Carcinoma of Lungs .....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	Lymphatic Mesenteric	
		Tuberculosis .....	1



### DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Acute Gastroenteritis	1	Carcinoma of Stomach	1
Cancer of Colon	3	Diabetes Mellitus	4
Cancer of Duodenum	1	Cancer of Intestines	1
Cancer of Liver	2	Colitis	1
Cancer of Esophagus	1	Gangrenous Appendicitis	1

### DISEASES OF THE GENITOURINARY SYSTEM

Carcinoma of Prostate		Cancer of Breast	1
Gland	1	Carcinoma of Scrotum	1
Carcinoma of Uterus	1	Nephritis	2
Cystitis	1	Uremia	2
Sclerotic Nephritis	1		

### DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

Cerebral Apoplexy	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage	15
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### ALL OTHERS

Accidental:		Found Dead in Bed:	
Asphyxiation	1	Probable Cause	
Drowning	1	Chronic Valvular Heart	
Fracture of Skull	4	Disease	1
Cerebral Concussion	2	Chronic Myocarditis	2
Intra-uterine Asphyxia	1	Coronary Occlusion	1
Multiple Fractures	1		
Still Born	3	Septicemia	1
Prematurity	6	Osteomyelitis	1
Malnutrition	1	Suicide	1
		Cardio-renal Disease	2
		Total	128

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

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To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1938.

The following licenses have been issued:

Peddlers	-----	36
Stores	-----	47
Oleomargarine	-----	16

I have visited with the State Milk Inspector, farms delivering milk in Town:

Number of dairy farms inspected	_44
Number of Pasteurizing Plants inspected	----- 3

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. AUCOIN

## REPORT OF FOOD INSPECTOR

During the year I inspected bakeries, fruit, grocery stores, and meat markets.

Number of inspections -----44

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. AUCOIN

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

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To the Honorable Board of Health

Dear Sirs:

I hereby submit my report as Board of Health Nurse for the year ending December 31, 1938.

*School Clinics—*

The seventh, ninth and eleventh grade pupils, are eligible for this clinic. It is sponsored each year by the Board of Health and School departments and conducted by the staff doctors of the Worcester County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, assisted by the field worker of the Southern Worcester County Health Association. The preliminary work was carried on by Mrs. Helen Upham, educational secretary for the Association. She visited all the schools and in a simple language explained to the pupils the object and procedure of these clinics. The children were then able to give their parents intelligent information as to the Tuberculin test, x-ray and physical examination. One hundred and thirty or seventy-nine percent of the group were skin tested—twenty seven x-rayed and fourteen were found positive reactors. Re-examination in a year was recommended for five—re-examination in two years for two, and improved nutrition for two.

*Pre-Schools Clinics—*

Two pre-school clinics are planned in the Spring for the physical examination of the children entering school in the Fall. Parents are notified through the press and the schools to visit their own physician or take their children to the clinic. These examinations give the parents an opportunity to discuss the general welfare of their children with the doctor, also to become acquainted with the services rendered by the Board of Health in the various clinics held during the school year. A doctor and two dentists were in attendance. Eighty-one were examined, twenty had no de-

fects, sixty-one had dental caries, sixteen received dental certificates, twenty-five had enlarged tonsils—three had enlarged cervical glands, and six were underweight. A good portion of these defects were corrected during the summer. Ten had their tonsils removed, about fifty per cent visited the dentist, and four gained weight.

#### *Tuberculosis Clinics—*

In January schedules giving dates for the Tuberculosis Consultation clinic for the coming year, were mailed to thirty-two doctors, twelve nurses, to the Division of Child Guardianship and Welfare, to the superintendents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the John Hancock Life Insurance Co., and to Boards of Health covering twelve communities. With the co-operation of the Rutland and Westfield State Sanatoria we have the services of two specialists for the physical examinations and a technician for the x-rays. Patients are admitted with a written request from their own physicians so he may receive a report of the findings and recommendations. Twenty-seven doctors requested the service for one hundred and sixty-four patients, eight were admitted to State Sanatoria for treatment.

#### *Diphtheria Immunization Clinics—*

Toxoid Clinics are held each year as part of our routine work in the prevention of disease. The Board of Health urge and encourage parents to have their children immunized during their first year. The mortality and incidence of diphtheria is declining rapidly as shown by state and nation-wide statistics, as a result of the general immunization program, carried on throughout the country. One hundred and sixty-seven children received three injections of toxoid.

#### *Dental Clinics—*

Children in the first four grades with permits signed by parents are accepted for treatment, during eight months of the year beginning October 1st. to June 1st. Each child has an oral examination and is instructed in the



care of the teeth and value of oral hygiene. The dentist in charge takes care of all defects in the six year molars, and extract abscessed teeth. When corrections are made the child is given a certificate, which states all necessary work at the present time is completed.

Number who reported to clinic -----	515
Number of extractions -----	86
Number of cleanings -----	361
Number of children receiving certificates ---	174
Number of fillings -----	178

Four girls spent eight weeks at the Sterling Health Camp, maintained by the sale of Christmas seals. Three girls were contacts to Tuberculosis in the family, and the other an x-sanatorium patient from Westfield. During this vacation they had an abundance of right food, supervised play, careful medical and nursing attention, with lessons in swimming, and various hand-crafts. All gained in weight. Two—five pounds each; one—six and three-fourths; and one—ten pounds.

One thousand and seventy-three children in the parochial schools, were examined by the medical inspectors, assisted by the nurse. Defects recorded and notices sent to parents. This year for the first time, we have had the use of an audiometer, and operator to test the hearing of all the pupils in the elementary grades, beginning with the third. This service was made possible by the State Department of Health, Division of Child Hygiene, and the parochial school authorities wish to express their appreciation.

Impaired hearing is a defect, difficult to detect without the aid of a special instrument, and often the cause or retardation in class work.

Seven hundred and sixty-four were tested and thirty-seven re-tested. In the re-tested group, only ten were recorded with a marked loss of hearing, needing medical attention or lip reading classes.

At this time I wish to thank all organizations and individuals who co-operated and assisted in any way.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

January 3, 1938

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen :

I hereby render my annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1938. You have appointed me on June 12, 1938, and I was sworn in and took over my duties on June 24. The records left me by my two predecessors were in good condition to that date.

During the year, 842 new fixtures were installed, divided as follows:

Lavatories	214
Baths	173
Laundry Trays	33
Urinals	4
Sinks	175
Water Closets	206
Slop Sinks	2
Shower Pans	6
Cellar Connections	6
Soda Fountains	1
Washing Fountains	1
Washing Machines	2
Water Coolers	5
Relocations, etc.	20

A total of 172 permits was granted for various plumbing work, on which 378 inspections and 102 water tests were made, besides several advisory visits. There remains 21 unfinished jobs.

To my knowledge all work has been performed according to the by-laws, and the few minor mistakes and omissions have been cheerfully corrected.

I also wish to take this opportunity to advise the modernization of our plumbing by-laws in order to simplify and regroup them, and to lower the cost of plumbing work to the home owners.

I wish at this time to thank the Board of Health, the public and the plumbers for their sincere co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. CHAGNON

Inspector of Plumbing

# REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

Owing to conditions beyond our control forty additional cases were assisted on Temporary Aid by the Board of Public Welfare during the year 1938 over the number for the previous year.

In order to show the net expense of the Department we again call your attention to the reimbursement from the State Department and the Federal Government during the year 1938 as listed in the Town Accountant's report.

Following are statistics taken from our records for the year.

## TOTAL CASE LOAD—1938

265 employable families representing	-----	1235 persons
40 unemployable families representing	--	119 persons
30 employable single cases	-----	30 persons
58 unemployable single cases	-----	58 persons
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393 cases	Total	1442 persons

The W. P. A. and local Town projects under the supervision of the Town Engineer helped considerably in reducing our case load.

The Federal Distribution Center at 50 Central St., assisted to the comfort of many families, and is still in operation. It employs three men, paid by the Federal Government, in distributing food and clothing to needy persons whether or not on relief.

Aid to Dependent Children as in previous years was under the supervision of the State Department. These families were visited periodically by a representative of the State and also by a visitor representing the local Board of Public Welfare.

In addition to this a monthly statistical report is required by the Department of Research and Statistics affiliated with the State Department of Public Welfare.

Case load for 1938—Seventeen cases representing sixty-six persons were aided under the Aid to Dependent Children Law. Of that number forty-four children aided were under sixteen years of age and five were over sixteen years.

Causes of Dependency:

Father deceased -----	14
Father incapacitated -----	3
Total -----	<u>17</u>

The local Infirmary provided for a total of twenty-seven cases during the year. In addition to the repairs caused by the hurricane there were also some improvements made for the welfare of the inmates and the property is now in first class condition.

We express our thanks to the manufacturers and business men in general for their cooperation with this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAS LIPPE, Chairman

MARIE LARIVIERE, Clerk

OVIDE DESROSIERS, Other Member

H. H. Michon, Supervisor

# REPORT OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance herewith submits its report for the year 1938. The Bureau has met regularly on the first and third Monday of each month. Each application has been thoroughly investigated and considered and acted upon according to the merit of the case.

Cases have been steadily increasing as will be noted by the following tables and statistics:

Added Cases	Closed Cases	Month	Cases Aided
		Jan. 1, 1938	130
4	2	January	132
0	1	February	131
7	2	March	136
4	3	April	137
4	0	May	141
3	0	June	144
4	0	July	148
2	2	August	148
9	1	September	156
2	0	October	158
5	3	November	160
2	0	December	162
Totals			
46	14	Dec. 31, 1938	162

**Causes for Closing Cases:**

By death -----	6
Moved out of Town -----	4
Became self-supporting after grant -----	1
Found ineligible after grant -----	3
Total -----	<u>14</u>

**Causes for Rejecting Cases:**

Insufficient information -----	1
Cash in excess -----	4
Unable to prove citizenship -----	1
Not needy -----	3
Children able to provide -----	1
Total -----	<u>11</u>

Of the number of cases aided there were fifteen cases which were unsettled and eight cases holding settlements in some other city or town. There were twelve cases holding Southbridge settlements aided in other cities or towns.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE, Chairman

HERMAS LIPPE, Clerk

MARIE LARIVIERE, Other Member

H. H. MICHON, Supervisor



## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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The Cemetery Commission organized with Seaver M. Rice as Chairman and Samuel W. Williams, Clerk. The spring work was started April first with a small number of men. The force was gradually increased until June first. Our objective during this period was the preparation of the Cemetery for Memorial Day. Particular attention was given perpetual care lots. Those under this head were inspected four times during the year, their condition noted and necessary work done. The Cemetery was mowed, trimmed and raked at regular intervals. The power mowers and trimmers purchased in the past two years have proven very satisfactory and have enabled us to speed up our mowing schedule. We wish to express our thanks to the Board of Public Welfare for supplying men on their roll who worked in the Cemetery for their orders. This help spent their time assisting in a program of weed elimination. The Cemetery suffered tremendously from the effects of the hurricane. We had a large number of ornamental trees, those of the blue spruce variety predominating. The greater part of our best specimens were lost. One hundred and eighty one had to be removed. Through the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen a W. P. A. grant was secured to do this work. We were successful in restoring eighty trees by pulling them back in position. The falling trees knocked over a number of monuments in certain sections. These have been placed back in position. Several were badly broken. Those so damaged will have to be repaired by the owners, our department

assumes no responsibility in this particular. We hope to start immediately on a reforestation program employing a landscape expert to assist in the work. A number of new sections have been developed since the original planting was made. The landscape plan to be followed will include these sections as well as the older parts of the Cemetery. The hurricane demolished the grove which borders Cohasse Street. We plan to develop this into a full lot, perpetual care, section. Properly landscaped this will make one of our most attractive lot locations. We desire to express our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and other Town Officials for their help and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

SEAVER M. RICE

DANIEL T. MORRILL

WARDWELL M. EDWARDS

Cemetery Commissioners

# REPORT OF WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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February 2, 1939

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The citizens of Southbridge at the annual town meeting of March 14, 1938 voted unanimously to purchase the Stone Property adjoining the Elm Street Fire Station for \$18,500 and create a park to be known as the World War Memorial Park.

The citizens of Southbridge also voted to transfer the World War Memorial fund of \$12,469.25 for use of a committee in legally spending this money in the purchase and erection of a suitable memorial in the Memorial Park and for other expenses in improvements and also for the Dedication of said Memorial.

A committee was named to carry out the provisions of these articles and the following citizens were chosen: Alfred J. Peloquin, Seaver M. Rice, Walter C. Chace, Arthur A. Allard, Morris Goodwin, H. Emerson Hill, Valmore P. Tetreault, Onesiphore L. Lapierre. Later the names of Rita Regis, Edward E. LeClair, C. Elmer Smith and E. L. Chapin were added to the committee.

This committee met and organized with Alfred J. Peloquin as chairman and Seaver M. Rice as secretary. Various sub-committees were appointed and weekly meetings were held on Wednesday evenings.

Early in April the purchase of the Stone Property was consummated without difficulty. The buildings on the

property were auctioned and removed. Actual work in preparing the property for park purpose started early in June.

The committee, after interviewing representatives of a number of firms specializing in stone and bronze memorials and also going over carefully the plans, specifications and prices, voted to award the contract for a granite monument to the Rock of Ages Corporation of Barre, Vermont through its local agent, M. D. Morrill and Son. The price was \$10,000 and it was stipulated the Memorial should be erected by the latter part of August.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, the Memorial was dedicated with fitting ceremonies. The day itself was all that could be desired. The sun shone from a clear sky and the town never looked more beautiful with its fine shade trees and general well kept appearance, as yet unmarred by the terrible hurricane which came a month later.

A parade preceded the dedication ceremonies which comprised all civic and patriotic organizations, practically every Southbridge World War Veteran and a battalion of the 13th U. S. Regular Infantry and band from Fort Devens. At noon the guests and committee lunched at the Cohasse Country Club.

The dedication itself was one that will long be remembered by all those privileged to attend. The Chairman, Alfred J. Peloquin, presented the Park and Memorial to the town which was accepted by the chairman of the Selectmen, Valmore P. Tetreault. The Governor of the Commonwealth, Charles F. Hurley, gave an address as well as Congressman Joseph E. Casey and other public officials. The Department Commander of the American Legion, John Maguire, spoke as did Post Commander H. Emerson Hill.

The Memorial itself is a masterpiece of the Sculptor's art and harmonizes well with its surroundings. Created from Vermont granite it should endure as long as time itself.



The names of the 24 Southbridge men and women who died or were killed in action during the World War are cut into the main central shaft. The Memorial is copyrighted and is the only one of its kind in the country.

Considerable help was given by the town and the federal government in the form of W.P.A. Projects which enabled us to do grading and other needed work on the property. A flagstone walk was constructed which leads to the Memorial, also a stone wall around two sides of the property. The Wells family donated a 40 foot steel flagpole and the auxiliary of Southbridge Post No. 31 gave a United States flag.

The committee raised the sum of \$400 through the sale of souvenir medals, programs and the proceeds of a military ball. This money was spent on improvements on the property. After all bills have been paid there is a balance of \$194.50 which was transferred to the town's General Fund.

It should be borne in mind that some further work remains to be done on the Park with the advent of warmer weather. Two of the large elms were felled by the hurricane in September and should be replaced with new plantings. There remains some landscaping to be done, walks should be constructed and benches installed as originally planned. We feel that the newly appointed board of trustees for the Park will do everything in its power to carry out all plans and improvements for the better. The upkeep of the property will require a small annual appropriation.

The World War Memorial Committee submits its report with a deep appreciation for all the help it received and cooperation given by all town officials, civic, religious and patriotic organizations and the citizens.

Each and every member of the committee is proud to have served our beloved town and bring to a successful conclusion the erection of the World War Memorial, dedicated to those of Southbridge who served our country in the World War. In closing, we echo the slogan which adorned our program, "Southbridge Remembers."





# REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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To the Citizens of Southbridge:

Your Board of Highway Commissioners wish to submit the following report of the work of the highway department for the year ending December 31, 1938. We have endeavored to make this report as complete as possible, but it is our hope that our next annual report will give you more detailed information because of various additional cost figures which we plan to keep in 1939.

The two floods and hurricane of 1938 were severe handicaps to the work of our department and in many cases these disasters destroyed the value of work which had been carried on by our department.

During the past year the major activities of the department have been as follows:

a. Oiling and patching of town streets with the asphalt and emulsion method of oiling and the cold patch method of patching. These streets include the following:

South, Water, Edwards, Newell Avenue, Winter, Chester, Union, Everett, Highland, Litchfield Avenue, Cross, Summer, Poplar, Pine, Park, Caron, Coombs, Overland, Morris, Mechanic, Brochu, Charlton, Henry, Thomas, Chestnut, Evergreen, Dresser, Paige Hill, Olney Avenue, Glover, High St. Extension, Columbus Avenue, Pleasant.

In addition patching was also done on several other streets that were not oiled, such as:

High Street, Marcy Street, Sayles Street.

This work cost the town approximately \$9,000 of which \$3,860 was for payroll, \$5,093 for oil and \$213 for sand.

b. On some town streets and country roads storm water drains were either leaking or blocked up so that water from heavy rains was not carried off as it should be. As a result roads were washed out and gutted. The Highway Department spent considerable time and money improving these conditions. In some cases new drains and catch basins had to be installed while in others the old drains could be repaired. Among those which were fixed at a total cost of \$1,672 were:

1. Hamilton and Hook Streets
2. Charlton Street
3. Eastford Road
4. Old Dudley Road
5. South Street and South Hill Road
6. Columbus Avenue.

c. Most of the bad spots on country roads were graveled and honed and rolled in the spring. The cost of this work was \$5,796 of which \$4,681 was for payroll, \$674 for gravel and \$441 for truck hire. The floods washed out a lot of this work and additional repairs to these roads had to be made under a WPA emergency appropriation.

d. In order to keep town streets in a good clean condition all streets were swept five times during the year. Each sweeping takes about four days' time of the entire department. Main, Central and Elm Streets in the business section are swept every night during the summer months from midnight to 6 A. M. This entire work was done at a cost of \$2,235.

e. Repair work was carried out on various roads and streets under special appropriation made at the March town meeting, such as Oliver Street, Fiske and Mill Streets and Breakneck Road. The cost of the Oliver Street job was \$656.56 of which \$360.50 was for payroll, \$144.54 for materials and \$151.52 for road oil. The cost

of the Fiske and Mill Streets job was \$490.53 of which \$288.00 was for payroll, \$6.42 for materials and supplies and \$256.11 for road oil. The cost of the Breakneck Road job was \$1,051.50 of which \$697.10 was for payroll, \$206.00 for pipe and \$148.40 for a compressor. In the Breakneck Road job considerable ledge was encountered which has brought the cost of this job higher than anticipated. This job has not been completed to date.

f. The town rubbish collection was carried on under the supervision of this department on a contract basis for \$1,485.50. Regular collections were made twice a month from April to November.

g. Repairs were made to some sidewalks.

h. Supervision of the town dump was also carried on under this department on a contract basis at a cost of \$348.19 of which \$170.00 was for payroll, \$93.75 for rental and \$84.44 for materials and supplies.

\$2,249 was spent by the Highway Department from its regular appropriation for repair work after the July flood. This money was spent as follows:

Payroll	\$1,769.00
Rental of Gasoline Shovel	200.00
Gravel	100.80
All other supplies and materials	179.29

As a result of the emergency caused by the September flood and hurricane approximately \$6,000 was spent by the Highway Department from the emergency appropriation in repairing damages to streets and roads. This money was spent as follows:

Payroll	\$4,795.85
Truck Hire	1,129.50

Materials used in this work were paid for from W.P.A. funds.

The Highway Department this year has had a regular force of approximately 21 men who have worked throughout the year. Twenty-one members of the department received a two weeks' vacation with pay at a cost to the town of \$840.00. These men are good workmen and capable of doing whatever jobs are required in the Highway Department.

The present equipment of the Highway Department is as follows:

4—1½ Ton Dump Trucks. Two of these have a 2½ yd. Body and two have a 1½ yd. Body. One of these trucks is an International purchased in 1938 at a cost of \$1,115.20. A Ford truck was also purchased in 1938 at a cost of \$1,089.

1—Chevrolet Suburban Carryall bought in 1938 at a cost of \$785.

1—12 Ton Three Wheel Gasoline Roller Equipped with a Scarifier and Self-Starter. This was bought in 1938 at a cost of \$3,540 after \$1,500 paid by the town in rental had been credited to the purchase price.

1—32 Horse Power Tractor equipped with Bulldozer Blade.

1—Full Bag Cement Mixer.

1—½ Bag Cement Mixer.

1—Gallion Road Planer.

1—Sunbury Road Scraper.

1—Adams Jr. Road Scraper.

3—Gallion Road Sanders.

Miscellaneous equipment such as:

Picks, shovels, wheel-barrows, etc.

This equipment is in good operating condition with the exception of one of the trucks and the small cement



mixer which has been used for the mixing of cold patch. We have requested new equipment to replace these two machines.

We recommend that the voters consider an annual appropriation of sufficient money to enable the Highway Department to do a more thorough and more permanent repair job on our country roads. If this were done on one or more country roads each year, these roads would not only be in better condition the year round, but the maintenance costs would be considerably reduced.

We take this opportunity to thank all town departments and officers and the general public for their cooperation with our department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRIL PELOQUIN

GEORGE LAFLECHE

RAYMOND BENOIT

Board of Highway Commissioners





# REPORT OF W. P. A. CO-ORDINATOR

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of W.P.A. activities in Southbridge for 1938

Amount of W.P.A. Payrolls for 1938 to local people .....	\$90,613.42
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Amount of W.P.A. Fire Hazard (Outside Men) .....	10,202.70
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Total W.P.A. Labor for 1938 furnished to Southbridge .....	\$100,816.12
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Amount of W.P.A. Material furnished by the government for rehabilitation work and other projects:

Pipes, Cement, Lumber etc. ....	1,732.90
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Gravel .....	641.60
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Trucking .....	4,443.00
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Power Shovel .....	1,756.25
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Total W.P.A. Equipment and Materials ...	\$8,573.75
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The following is a list of projects completed during the year.

## MORRIS STREET WIDENING

1300 feet in length. On parts of this street two cars could not meet, traveled way now 30 feet wide. Net cost to the Town \$222.59.

### MORRIS STREET SEWER

1221 lineal feet. 50% in ledge. Net cost to Town \$2,265.80.

### DRESSER STREET PLAYGROUND

Walled in and covered the brook with reinforced cement, rebuilt part of the back wall, filled and drained the southwest part of the field. Net cost to Town \$1,434.-34.

### SEWING PROJECT

Net cost to Town \$2,183.42. Garments made are distributed to the needy through W.P.A. Commissaries.

### TREE PEST CONTROL

Net cost to Town \$367.06. Covered practically the whole town to destroy brown tail and gypsy moth nests, sprayed trees along the streets to control other tree pests.

### DRAINS AND CATCH BASINS ON VARIOUS STREETS

2260 lineal feet, and 24 catch basins much of this through ledge. Net cost to Town \$3,701.51.

### VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Broke up and removed cement floors of old buildings and other debris, filled, graded, spread loam, and sodded.

Net cost to Town for this work \$2,659.34.

### SIDEWALKS VARIOUS STREETS

5959 lineal feet of sidewalk, or 30,103 square feet. 6169 lineal feet of Curb and Gutter besides necessary grading, ledge removal, drainage, etc. Net cost to Town \$7,595.93.

### BOOKBINDING

Net cost to Town \$512.11. Repaired 4000 books for the schools that would have to have been replaced with new ones.

## RECORD PROJECT

Net cost to Town \$114.04. Sorted and filed old records in Town vaults, many of them of value that were considered lost.

## ELM AND EVERETT STREET SEWERS

About 400 lineal feet laid this year, 50% through ledge. Net cost to Town \$558.21.

## COUNTRY ROAD WIDENING AND DRAINS

This work only started in December, about 300 feet of 12 inch cement pipe laid and about 500 feet of road widening. Power shovel, trucking and pipes furnished by W.P.A. Net cost to Town to date \$18.50.

Immediately after the September 1938 Flood and Hurricane, all outdoor projects were suspended and in cooperation with the Highway Department the following rehabilitation work was done.

Filling of West Street and rebuilding of the Retaining Wall.

Cleared streets of fallen trees and rebuilt sidewalks washed away or broken when trees were uprooted.

Removed about 175 fallen trees in the cemetery besides filling the holes left by removal of the stumps.

Filled more than 5 miles of roads badly washed out, using a total of about 15,000 cubic yards of gravel.

Throughout the year there has been an average of about 150 local persons employed on these various projects, most of whom were taken from the relief rolls.

At this time I wish to thank the personnel of the various town departments and also the W.P.A. workers for their splendid cooperation in assistance of the carrying out of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. BOUVIER

Co-Ordinator



# REPORT OF INSPECTOR of SLAUGHTERING

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To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1938.

Number of carcasses of beef inspected ----- 35

Number of carcasses of veal inspected ----- 316

Number of carcasses of hog inspected ----- 251

Number of carcasses of sheep inspected ---- 9

Total 611

Number of carcasses condemned (calf) --- 1

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. AUCOIN

Inspector of Slaughtering





REPORT OF AN AUDIT  
OF THE  
ACCOUNTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1938



Made in Accordance with the Provisions of  
Chapter 44, General Laws

February 18, 1939



Department of Corporations and Taxation  
Division of Accounts  
State House, Boston

February 18, 1939

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Valmore P. Tetreault, Chairman  
Southbridge, Mass.

Gentlemen :

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1938, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts



Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir :

In accordance with your instructions I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1938, and submit the following report thereon :

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving and disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined and reconciled with the books and records of the accountant's office.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments making the original charges. The disbursements were checked with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the payments as shown by the treasurer's books. The recorded appropriations and transfers voted by the town were verified by a comparison with the town clerk's records of town meetings.

The general and appropriation ledgers were analyzed, the necessary correcting and adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1938, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The balance sheet indicates that at the close of the year there were overdrafts in twenty accounts aggregating \$24,782.13, which is contrary to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which provides that liabilities may not be incurred in excess of appropriations voted by the town

"except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property." While it is possible that conditions existed in some cases which would have permitted the selectmen to authorize the incurring of liabilities in excess of the appropriations, it will be noted that the above statute only authorizes the liabilities to be incurred and that no provision is made for the payment of these liabilities. Furthermore, there was no evidence found which would substantiate any claim that an **extreme** emergency existed in connection with all of the appropriations overdrawn. Attention is hereby called to an opinion of the Supreme Judicial Court filed June 29, 1937, in the case of "Continental Construction Company vs. City of Lawrence" wherein it was stated that:

" . . . The conditions which will permit the lawful incurring of extraordinary indebtedness must exist in truth and in fact. We can discover nothing to support a construction which would permit a city council to shake off the limitations imposed upon it by merely declaring the existence of a state of emergency and then authorizing the incurring of liabilities to an unlimited amount for an unascertained period of time, nor do we think that such a declaration has any presumptive or evidential force in establishing the existence in fact of an emergency . . ."

A penalty for violating the provisions of Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, is provided in Section 62, Chapter 44, General Laws.

In connection with the overdrafts, it should be noted that at a special town meeting held December 19, 1938, a vote was passed "that the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow \$21,644.54 for the purpose of paying the following overdrawn accounts . . ." but no loan could be issued as this was not a purpose for which indebtedness may be incurred.

In the previous audit attention was called to the fact that expenditures for highway projects carried on by the town in conjunction with the state and county may not exceed the aggregate amount of the appropriations voted



by the town, together with the amount actually received by the town on account of allotments. Expenditures in 1938 exceeded the amounts available on December 31 by \$6,730.77, and it is recommended that the treasurer take advantage of the provisions of Section 6A, Chapter 44, General Laws, and issue temporary loans in accordance with this statute so that funds may be available for the payment of pay-rolls and materials whenever reimbursements from the state and county are not received in time to furnish the necessary funds:

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the tax collector's records of payments to the treasurer, with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books.

The cash book was footed, the cash on hand on January 26, 1939, was verified by actual count, and the bank balances were reconciled with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals verified.

The tax title deeds on hand were examined and listed, and the amounts transferred from the several levies to the tax title account were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitments of taxes were compared with warrants issued by the board of assessors, the recorded abatements were checked with

the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as recorded on the treasurer's and the accountant's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification of the outstanding taxes was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The attention of the collector was called to the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 59, General Laws, as amended by Chapter 330, Acts of 1938, relating to the collection of interest on unpaid taxes.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The records of licenses granted were compared with the records of licenses issued, and the receipts on accounts of licenses and permits were checked and proved. The recorded payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the health, highway, public welfare, school, library and cemetery departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

For the co-operation received from the several town officials while engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

For the year Ended

Dec. 31, 1938

## GENERAL REVENUE

## Taxes:

## Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 9,780.00	
Personal .....	67,821.09	
Real Estate .....	287,510.23	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	27,722.91	
		<u>\$392,834.23</u>

## Previous Years:

Poll .....	10.00	
Personal .....	3,526.60	
Real Estate .....	57,543.47	
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	855.05	
		<u>61,935.12</u>

## From State:

Income Tax .....	42,348.34	
Income Tax—Chap. 362; Acts of 1936 .....	2,854.34	
Corporation Tax—Chap. 108; Acts of 1937 .....	40,367.12	
Corporation Tax—Gas & Elec. Co. ....	590.43	
Corporation Tax—Business ..	575.25	
		<u>86,735.48</u>

## Licenses &amp; Permits:

## Licenses:

Liquor .....	13,113.00	
Pedlars & Hawkers .....	166.00	
Sunday Store .....	144.00	
Pool, Billiard & Bowling		
Milk & Oleomargarine .....	52.00	
Innholders, Common Victual- ers, Auctioneers, Junk, Auto Dealers & All Other .....	356.50	
		<u>13,831.50</u>

## GENERAL REVENUE (Continued)

Permits:		
Garage, Gasoline & Firearms		103.50
Fines & Forfeits:		
Court Fines -----		322.50
Grants & Gifts:		
Vocational Education & Americanization Classes— Re-imbursement -----	11,814.19	
Smith-Huges School Fund ----	3,198.19	
Geo-Deen School Fund -----	10,696.81	
		<u>25,709.19</u>
County—Dog Licenses -----		1,201.88
Highway Gas Tax Refund— Chap. 500 -----		11,050.00
Federal—P. W. A. School Project -----		
Highway Aid—Chap. 90		
State -----	27,477.07	
County -----	14,748.29	
		<u>42,225.36</u>
All Other General Revenue		
Tax Title Sales and Warranty Deed -----	438.58	
Sale of Materials—World War Memorial Park -----	230.56	
Sales of Land		
Elm St. School Parcel ----	400.00	
Brackett House—Oak Ridge Ave. -----	3,970.00	
Tax Demands -----	123.90	
		<u>5,163.04</u>
Total General Revenue -----		\$641,095.17



## COMMERCIAL REVENUE

## Departmental:

## General Government:

Town Hall Rental .....	220.00
Town Accountant — Office Equip't .....	64.00

284.00

## Protection of Persons &amp; Property:

Police—Station Rental .....	95.00
Police—All Other .....	58.85
Fire—Sale of Materials .....	4.85
Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	61.28
Ambulance—Rental Fees .....	292.00

511.98

## Health &amp; Sanitation:

Contagious Diseases & Tuberculosis .....	1,471.00
Sale of Typewriter .....	10.00

1,481.00

## Highways:

Sale of Materials .....	68.70
Machinery Rental .....	211.37
Fire Insurance Loss .....	115.25

395.32

## Public Welfare &amp; Charities:

Reimbursements from Individuals .....	25.50
Reimbursements from Cities and Towns .....	894.03
Reimbursements from State .....	11,805.39
Aid to Dependent Children	
From State .....	6,270.33
From Federal Grant .....	2,241.01



## COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Old Age Assistance		
From Cities & Towns -----	394.42	
From State -----	15,545.82	
From Federal Grant -----	22,419.40	
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		59,595.90
Soldiers' Benefits:		
State Aid -----	920.00	
Military Aid -----	159.83	
Soldiers' Relief -----	7.00	
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		1,086.83
Schools:		
Tuitions—High & Cole Trade	18,604.21	
Sale of Materials, Supplies, Etc. -----	476.00	
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		19,080.21
Library:		
Fines -----		601.76
Unclassified:		
Federal Emergency Relief Fund -----		222.31
Sale of Main Street Car Rails		462.00
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Total Departmental Revenue --		83,721.31
Commercial Revenue—		
Special Assessments		
Sewer Assessments -----	2,767.24	
Sidewalk Assessments -----	117.32	
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Total Assessment Revenue ----		2,884.56
Commercial Revenue—		
Interest—Taxes & Assessments		
On Taxes -----	2,995.83	
Accrued Interest—Bond & Emergency Loans -----	45.63	

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

Premium on Bond Issue (P. W. A.) -----	40.00	
Sidewalk—Committed Int. on Ass'ts -----	5.04	
Sewer—Committed Int. on Ass'ts -----	65.37	
Added Assessment Interest --	44.87	
Interest—Trust & Investment Funds		
Cemetery, General Fund ----	2,085.22	
Ella M. Cole, Needy School Children -----	85.00	
Mary Mynott Library -----	25.00	
World War Memorial Fund --	311.71	
Total Interest Revenue -----		5,703.67
Commercial Revenue—		
Cemeteries:		
Sale of Lots -----	200.00	
Sale of Graves -----	20.00	
Graves Opened -----	346.00	
Foundations Installed -----	46.25	
Total Cemetery Revenue -----		612.25
Total Commercial Revenue ----		92,921.79
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue ----	325,000.00	
Emergency — Hurricane & Flood -----	45,000.00	
General Loans:		
P. W. A.—No. Dist. Ele- mentary School -----	80,000.00	
Total Municipal Indebtedness Revenue -----		450,000.00

## COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

## Agency, Trust &amp; Investment:

## Agency:

Dog License Fees—for County	1,754.00
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## Trust &amp; Investment

Cemetery Perpetual Care	450.00
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Total Agency, Trust & Investment	
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2,204.00

## Refunds: &amp; Transfers:

## General Government:

Retirement Board	500.87
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Town Hall Acct.	64.91
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## Health &amp; Sanitation

Health Dept.	750.00
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## Highways

Highway—1937 Pay't	.50
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Highway—Dump Acct.	15.00
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## Charities

Public Welfare	193.27
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Old Age Assistance—1937 Pay't	40.00
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Old Age Assistance — 1938 Acct.	113.00
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## Enterprises:

Mechanic St. Sewer	33.75
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Nuisance Brook Acct.	5.42
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No. Woodstock Road (1936 Acct.)	4.00
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Emergency — Hurricane & Flood Acct.	20.70
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## Unclassified

Registry of Deed	2.10
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## COMMERCIAL REVENUE (Continued)

## Transfers:

Special Deposit to General	
Cash -----	292.00
Total Refunds & Transfers ---	<u>1,293.02</u>
Total General & Commercial	
Revenue -----	1,187,513.98
Cash On Hand January 1, 1938	141,446.67
	<u><u>1,328,960.65</u></u>

## EXPENDITURES

## General Government

## Moderator:

Salary -----	60.00
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## Selectmen:

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Chairman -----	550.00
2 Members -----	900.00
Clerk -----	600.00

2,050.00

## Other Expenses

## Other Clerical

Assistance -----	8.05
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Stationery & Postage	81.10
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Printing & Advertising -----	215.29
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Travel & Auto Hire etc. -----	117.31
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Telephones -----	180.97
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Funeral Expenses ---	20.00
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Certificate of Title — Stone Lot -----	17.03
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Payment for Killing of Stray Dogs ----	33.00
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Pen Set & Binders --	5.00
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Elm St. School Bldg. Expense -----	21.45
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Miscellaneous Items -	13.00
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Taxi Drivers' Badges	34.81
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Recording Dupaul St. Order -----	3.57
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750.58

2,800.58

## Accountant:

Salary of Accountant -	2,000.00
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## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Other Expenses

Stationery, Postage & Binding -----	90.81
Printing of Forms & Advertising -----	64.06
Telephone -----	29.62
Office Equipment ---	190.48
Office Equipment Maintenance -----	17.00
Travel Expense -----	27.50
Express on Supplies -	.50
Publications & Year Book Directory ---	6.00
Dues to Accountants' Assoc'n -----	12.00
	<u>437.97</u>

2,437.97

## Treasurer:

## Salaries &amp; Wages:

Treasurer -----	1,500.00
Clerk -----	520.00
	2,020.00

## Other Expenses

Stationery & Postage	433.14
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## Treasurer:

## Other Expense-cont.

Printing and Adver- tising -----	104.12
Telephone -----	38.55
Surety Bond & Insur- ance -----	269.85
Electric Light Globes & Lantern -----	5.40
Equipment Main- tenance -----	5.94
Equipment for Office	3.38
Certification of Notes	50.00



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Recording Fee -----	2.50		
Travel Expense -----	5.46		
P. W. A. Requisition -	.75		
		919.09	
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			2,939.09
Tax Collector:			
Salaries & Wages			
Collector -----	1,800.00		
Clerk -----	900.00		
		2,700.00	
Other Expenses			
Stationery & Postage	517.00		
Printing, Adv. & Re-			
cording -----	227.50		
Telephone -----	41.05		
Surety Bond & Insur-			
ance -----	479.85		
Office Equipment ---	59.98		
Electric Light Globes	5.00		
Tracing Delinquents -	20.00		
Travel Expense & Auto			
Hire -----	60.12		
Miscellaneous Items -	11.44		
		1,421.94	
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			4,121.94
Assessors:			
Salaries & Wages			
Board, 2 Members --	900.00		
Clerk of Board -----	1,800.00		
Clerks -----	199.93		
		2,899.93	
Other Expenses			
Stationery & Postage	74.16		
Printing & Advertis-			
ing -----	452.88		
Auto Hire & Travel			
etc. -----	154.33		

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Telephone -----	31.92	
Abstracts & Recording		
Deeds -----	82.86	
Typewriter -----	186.77	
Typewriter Repairs --	8.31	
		991.23
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		3,891.16
Town Clerk		
Salaries & Wages		
Town Clerk -----	1,140.00	
Other Expenses		
Travel Expenses ----	21.35	
Stationery & Postage	99.60	
Printing & Advertis-		
ing -----	29.50	
Telephone -----	101.36	
Surety Bond -----	7.50	
Office Furnishings --	15.68	
Typewriter Cushion		
Keys -----	4.00	
Pen Set -----	6.86	
Typewriter Repairs -	7.84	
Dues to N. E., State &		
County Ass. -----	7.00	
		300.69
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		1,440.69
Election & Registration		
Salaries & Wages		
Registrars — 3 Mem-		
bers -----	99.00	
Registrars—Extra		
Services -----	84.00	
Clerk of Board -----	100.00	
Extra Clerk Hire ---	244.00	
Setting-Up Booths,		
etc. -----	18.50	
Passing out of Town		
Reports -----	11.40	

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Services of Constable at Election -----	15.00	
Election Officers ----	2,216.50	
		2,788.40
Other Expenses		
Stationery & Postage	52.73	
Printing & Advertising -----	328.25	
Printing New Voters List -----	181.30	
Meals -----	442.45	
Travel Expense ----	6.83	
Rope -----	1.50	
Filing Cases -----	17.45	
		1,030.51
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		3,818.91
Law Department		
Salary of Town Counsel	800.00	
Travel Expense ----	5.00	
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		805.00
Engineering		
Salaries & Wages		
Engineer -----	2,500.00	
Assistant Engineer -	1,202.20	
Helpers etc. -----	1,297.59	
Office Expense		
		4,999.79
Stationery, Supplies etc. -----	69.29	
Telephone -----	54.61	
Miscellaneous -----	2.00	
		125.90
Field Expense		
Auto Expense & Hire	196.27	
Materials & Supplies -	82.88	
Equipment and Main- tenance -----	123.89	
		403.04
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		5,528.73

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Town Hall

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Janitor ----- 1,510.00

Assistants ----- 30.50

1,540.50

## Other Expenses

Fuel ----- 1,167.00

Light ----- 618.69

Janitors Supplies --- 124.08

Carbon Remover ---- 22.50

Electric Grinding Equip-  
ment & Tools ----- 23.75

Lanterns &amp; Flashlights 20.35

Ventilation System &  
Installation ----- 292.11G. E. Electric Water  
Cooler & Ints. ---- 274.76Kent Floor Washing &  
Polishing Machine - 177.20

Removal of Rubbish - 7.50

Miscellaneous Cartage 8.00

Booths &amp; Chairs ---- 14.50

Flowers for Urns --- 11.00

Flag-Way Standards - 30.00

Water ----- 80.30

Water Town Hall An-  
nex ----- 23.71Light Town Hall An-  
nex ----- 2.14

Repairs ----- 931.01

3,828.58

5,369.08

Total General Government ----- 33,213.15

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Protection of Persons &amp; Property

## Police Department

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Chief -----	2,400.00
Patrolmen -----	25,316.30
Special Police -----	2,179.86
Caretaker of Station -	1,199.32

31,095.48

## Equipment Maintenance

Motor Equipments --	386.35
Gasoline, Oil etc. ----	523.97
Equipment for Men -	202.77
School Safety, Patrol Belts -----	6.30
Fingerprint Outfit & Cabinet -----	150.50
Korana View Camera	50.00
Cartridges -----	66.10

1,385.99

## Horse Hire -----

32.75

## Fuel &amp; Light

Fuel -----	246.63
Light -----	230.75

477.38

Maintenance Buildings  
& Grounds

Repairs -----	169.94
Janitors Supplies ----	183.23
Water -----	29.33
Lock & Keys -----	2.06
Rubbish Removal ----	14.45
Furnishings -----	3.25
Miscellaneous Items -	2.38

404.64

Prisoners & Officers  
Expense

Officers Travel Ex- penses -----	200.93
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## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Feeding & Medical Care of Prisoners -----	446.43	
		647.36
Traffic Control Expenses		
Labor on Signs & Painting Streets --	148.25	
Material & Supplies -	99.13	
Signs -----	318.75	
		566.13
Other Expenses		
Stationery, Postage & Printing -----	135.40	
Telephone System etc.	1,264.39	
Liability & Misc. In- surance on Auto- matic Equipments -	109.52	
Law Books -----	94.00	
Pencil Sharpener ---	1.47	
Fingerprinting Sup- plies -----	17.50	
Photographic Supplies	51.08	
Practice Targets ----	23.48	
Postal Revolver		
Matches -----	12.00	
Advertising -----	1.06	
Police Pocket Manuals	3.00	
Express & Miscellane- ous -----	4.87	
Stenographic Services	5.00	
		1,722.77
New Automotive Equip- ment		
1938 Ford Tudor Se- dan -----	601.00	
Lettering Tudor Sedan	10.00	
1938 Pontiac Sedan -	962.00	
		1,573.00
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		37,905.50



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Fire Department

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Chief -----	2,400.00	
Deputy Chief -----	350.00	
Ass't. Deputy Chief—		
Permanent Man ----	2,048.00	
Permanent Firemen -	15,023.72	
Call Firemen -----	3,180.00	
Superintendent of		
Alarm -----	300.00	
Ass't. Clerk of Board	25.00	
		23,326.72

Equipment, Maintenance  
& Repairs

Hose -----	420.60	
Equipment for Men -	72.01	
Spot & Flood Lights -	115.78	
Apparatus Repairs --	163.82	
Gasoline, Oil etc. ----	184.58	
Alarm Boxes etc. ----	52.45	
Truck Jack -----	12.50	
Hose Rack -----	35.23	
Waste Rags -----	3.00	
Sulphuric Acid etc. --	4.77	
Flashlight Batteries -	.59	
Hydrometer -----	2.00	
Water Cooler -----	100.00	
		1,167.33

Hydrant Service ----	12,039.90
Fuel -----	446.07
Light -----	199.95
Water -----	53.43

Maintenance Buildings  
& Grounds

Repairs -----	253.25
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## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Furniture etc. -----	13.83	
Laundry Work -----	78.61	
New Cement Paving -	295.00	
Materials, Supplies &		
Misc. -----	127.43	
		768.12
Other Expenses		
Stationery, Printing &		
Postage -----	8.32	
Telephone -----	132.19	
		140.51
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		38,142.03
Forest Fire Department		
Salaries & Wages		
Warden -----	200.00	
Fighting Fires -----	58.75	
		258.75
Other Expenses		
Apparatus Main-		
tenance -----	13.58	
Gasoline, Oil etc. ----	15.40	
Bicarbonate Soda ---	11.88	
		40.86
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		299.61
Sealer of Weights &		
Measures		
Salary of Sealer ----		1,050.00
Other Expenses		
Printing & Advertis-		
ing -----	4.50	
Automobile Transpor-		
tation -----	200.00	
Cloth Seals -----	5.10	
Equipment -----	37.45	
		247.05
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		1,297.05

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Animal Inspector -----		125.00
Game Warden-----		100.00
Building Inspector -----		200.00
Wiring Inspector		
Salary of Inspector --	300.00	
Other Expenses		
Travel—Auto Hire etc.	54.74	
Materials & Supplies -	35.90	
	90.64	
		390.64
Planting & Trimming Trees:		
Salaries & Wages		
Tree Warden -----	344.00	
Labor -----	126.00	
	470.00	
Other Expenses		
Printing Cloth Signs -	6.00	
Hardware & Tools ---	13.69	
Truck Hire -----	110.00	
	129.69	
		599.69
Gypsy & Brown-Tail Moth Extermination		
Salaries & Wages		
Superintendent -----	127.00	
Labor -----	22.50	
	149.50	
Truck Hire -----	47.00	
		196.50
Ambulance Department		
Repairs & Maintenance	6.50	

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Gasoline, Oil etc. ----	21.65	
Supplies & Laundry -	18.65	
Insurance—Fire ----	7.80	
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		54.60
Street Lighting (Sept. Inclusive) --		9,993.16
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Total Protection Persons & Property -----		89,303.78

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## Health

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Physician of Board --	296.66	
Agent -----	500.00	
School Inspector ----	494.35	
Nurse -----	1,599.96	
Plumbing Inspector -	874.98	
Meat, Fruit & Provisions Inspector ---	349.94	
Milk Inspector -----	116.60	
		4,232.49

## General Administration

Stationery & Postage	20.98	
Printing & Advertising -----	65.82	
Telephone -----	53.32	
Office Equipment ----	295.57	
Miscellaneous Typing	25.00	
Miscellaneous Items -	6.56	
		467.25

## Quarantine and Contagious Diseases and Tuberculosis

Medical Attendance -	113.50
Drugs & Medicines --	41.73
Dry Goods & Clothing	56.00

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Groceries & Provisions	133.62	
Cash Aid -----	210.00	
Hospitals -----	263.23	
Transportation of Patients -----	93.25	
Miscellaneous Items -	14.97	
State & County Hospital (T. B.) -----	4,818.00	
		5,744.30
Vital Statistics		
Birth Returns -----	57.50	
Death -----	37.00	
		94.50
Travel Expense & Allowance		
Plumbing Inspector --	130.00	
Nurse -----	74.89	
Meat & Provision Inspector -----	112.50	
Milk Inspector -----	17.00	
		334.39
Other Expenses		
Vaccination -----	14.00	
Miscellaneous Items -	4.38	
		18.38
Inspection		
School Physicians —		
See Salaries & Wages		
Meat & Provision Inspector		
See Salaries & Wages		
Milk Inspector		
See Salaries & Wages		
Dental Clinic —		
Dentists -----	780.00	
Dental Clinic —		
Supplies etc. -----	57.60	
		837.60

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Care of Dump—Jan. 1 to March 31st 131.13

See Highways for Balance of 1938

Garbage Collection—Contract ---- 1,950.02

13,810.06

## Sewer Maintenance:

## Administration

Commissioners' Salary -- 300.00

Swivel Chair ----- 24.25

Printing, Stationery &  
Postage ----- 19.03

Telephone ----- 31.56

Recording ----- 2.88

77.72

## General

Caretaker & Assistant --- 2,400.00

Materials, Tools & Equip-  
ment ----- 199.09

Pipe & Fittings ----- 72.00

Gasoline, Oil & Truck Re-  
pairs ----- 249.29

Expense Checking Roof  
Drains ----- 10.00

Paint for Bldgs. ----- 18.85

Unblocking Sewer (at 138  
Charlton) ----- 16.20

Installing Elec. Light &  
Pole at Beds ----- 40.00

605.43

3,383.15

Total Health & Sanitation

17,193.21



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## HIGHWAYS &amp; SNOW &amp; ICE

## Highways—Maintenance

## General Administration

Salary of Superintendent - 1,800.00

Salary of Clerk ----- 56.25

## Office Expenses

Telephone ----- 134.78

Office Records &amp; Supplies 41.65

Office Equipment ----- 41.22

Printing, Stationery &amp;

Postage ----- 64.90

Repairs to Typewriter -- 3.92

286.47

## General Expenses

Labor ----- 16,366.85

Truck Hire ----- 2,832.00

Broken Stone, Gravel &amp;

Materials ----- 1,524.00

Equipment Repairs ----- 285.57

Automotive Equipment

Maint'ce &amp; Repairs ----- 603.60

Gasoline, Oil etc. ----- 934.31

Miscellaneous Liability &amp;

Fire Ins. on Auto Equipt. - 360.05

Welding Catch Basin

Grates ----- 5.88

Rental of Drain ----- 1.00

Cleaning Brook ----- 5.00

4 Rubber Coats ----- 15.82

Miscellaneous Items ----- 26.08

Tarvia &amp; Road Oil ----- 4,745.38

First Aid Supplies ----- 11.76

27,717.30

## Building &amp; Grounds Expense

New Overhead Doors ---- 750.00

Re-wiring (Electric) ---- 262.11

Brick Fire Wall ----- 107.95

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Lumber, Paint & Repairs	99.38	
Fuel & Light -----	179.03	
Water -----	7.58	
		1,406.05
Steam Shovel & Compres-		
sor Rental -----		204.50
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		31,470.57
Town Dump & Rubbish		
Labor at Dump -----		219.80
Rental of Grounds -----	93.75	
Equipment & Maintenance	68.64	
		162.39
Rubbish Collection — Con-		
tract Basis -----		1,482.50
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		1,864.69
Snow & Ice Removal		
Labor -----		7,915.50
Truck Hire -----	7,288.64	
Tools & Equipment -----	159.17	
Gasoline & Oil etc. -----	2.30	
Sand & Gravel -----	156.62	
Plowing Country Roads -	85.50	
Sidewalk Plow & Equipt.	208.40	
Truck Expense -----	17.49	
		7,918.12
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		15,833.62
New Road Machinery & Maintenance		
1938 Chevrolet Suburban	785.00	
1938 International Truck	1,115.20	
1938 Ford Dump Truck --	1,089.00	
Gasoline Roller & Equipt.	3,540.00	
		6,529.20
Truck Repairs -----	76.90	
Truck Tires & Tubes ----	27.59	
Tractor Repairs -----	181.05	

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Road Scraper -----	3.67	
Gasoline, Oil etc. -----	114.58	
Power Gun & Grease ----	81.05	
		484.84
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		7,014.04
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Total Highways, Snow & Ice		56,182.92

## CHARITIES &amp; SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

## Public Welfare Department

## General Administration

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Members of Board -----	600.00	
Agent of Board -----	1,000.00	
Clerk Hire -----	400.00	
		2,000.00

## Other Administration Expenses

Printing, Stationery & Postage -----	230.39	
Allowance for Use of Car	315.40	
Travel & Misc. Trans. ----	195.94	
Telephones -----	149.00	
Office Furniture -----	24.90	
Legal Expense -----	14.55	
Typewriter & Adding Machine Exp. -----	6.25	
Miscellaneous Items ----	6.73	
		943.16

## Outside Relief by Town

Groceries & Provisions --	21,833.36
Fuel -----	2,673.88
Board & Care—Individuals	5,269.00
Medical Care & Medicine -	4,602.94
Board & Care — State Institutions -----	757.44
Board & Care — Private Institutions -----	818.00
Hospital Care -----	3,051.94
Cash Grants to Individuals	6,146.00

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Rents -----	4,955.65	
Clothing, Shoes etc. -----	2,123.87	
Housefurnishings & Moving -----	152.85	
Burials -----	92.00	
Laundry for Recipient ---	18.70	
Electric Power at Infirmary -----	60.00	
Central St. Bldg. — Expense -----	1.10	
Benefit St. Bldg. Expense -----	33.48	
Express on Commodity Supplies -----	42.00	
Insurance on Cord Wood -----	25.00	
Miscellaneous Items --	12.80	
	52,670.01	
Relief by Other Cities & Towns		
Cities -----	1,886.37	
Towns -----	4,071.30	
	5,957.67	
Truck Expense		
Maintenance, etc. -----	106.04	
Gasoline, Oil, etc. -----	102.66	
	208.70	
		61,779.54
Aid to Dependent Children		
Salaries & Wages		
Agent of Board -----	500.00	
Relief by Town		
Cash Grants -----	8,002.20	
Medical, Fuel, Clothing, etc. -----	93.29	
		8,595.49

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Federal Grant—Aid to Dependent Children		
Cash Grants -----		4,274.00
Old Age Assistance		
Salaries & Wages		
Members of Board --	300.00	
Agent of Board -----	500.00	
Clerk Hire -----	500.00	
		1,300.00
Assistance by Town		
Cash Grants -----	24,564.10	
Board & Care -----	412.00	
Burials, Medical Care, etc. -----	264.30	
Other Cities & Towns --	726.18	
Forms & Supplies -----	18.02	
Payment to State -----	16.00	
Lettering Door of O. A. A. Dept. -----	4.00	
		<u>26,004.60</u>
		27,304.60
Federal Grant—O. A. A. Administration		
Agent of Board		
Balance of 1937 Paid in 1938 -----	206.21	
1938 Compensation --	300.00	
Salary & Wages		
Board Officer -----	100.00	
Board Clerk -----	100.00	
Additional Clerks ---	149.00	
		855.21
Other Administration		
Office Supplies & Postage -----	19.25	
Travel Expense -----	3.60	
		22.85



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Assistance Rendered		
Cash Grants -----	22,507.00	
Hospital & Medical---	86.00	
	22,593.00	
		<u>23,471.06</u>
Infirmery or Town Farm		
Salaries & Wages		
Superintendent -----	1,800.00	
Other Expenses		
Groceries & Provisions	2,220.42	
Buildings & Grounds--	634.20	
Fuel & Light -----	513.37	
Automobile Truck Re-		
pairs -----	12.70	
Gasoline, Oil, etc. ---	42.00	
Medical Care, etc. --	121.80	
Telephone -----	36.49	
Stationery, Supplies,		
etc. -----	2.86	
Furnishings, Dry		
Goods, Clothing, etc. -	410.92	
	3,994.76	
		<u>5,794.76</u>
Soldiers' Benefits		
State Aid—Cash Grants	860.00	
Military Aid — Cash		
Grants -----	560.00	
Soldiers' Relief		
Fuel -----	574.31	
Groceries & Provi-		
sions -----	3,000.46	
Rents -----	413.75	
Cash Aid -----	2,142.11	



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Hospital & Medical		
Care -----	857.93	
Clothing -----	273.73	
Miscellaneous -----	27.50	
	7,289.79	
		8,709.79
Total Charities & Soldiers' Benefits -----		139,929.24

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

## Schools:

## General Control Salaries

Salary of Superintendent -----	4,033.36	
Clerks in Superintendent's Office -----	1,501.05	
Attendance Officer --	406.25	
	5,940.66	

## General Control Expenses

Printing, Stationery &		
Postage -----	404.48	
Telephone -----	87.98	
Traveling -----	310.78	
School Census -----	116.32	
Books, Periodicals etc.	35.88	
Typewriter -----	44.00	
Miscellaneous -----	23.75	
	1,023.19	

## Instruction—Salaries

High School Principal	3,019.08	
High School Teachers	30,231.03	
Elementary Teachers	63,188.37	
Evening Teachers ---	577.50	
Household Art Teachers -----	1,841.04	
Continuation Teachers	746.30	
Salesmanship Course	6.00	
	99,609.32	

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Instruction—Expense

## High:

## Text &amp; Reference

Books ----- 1,757.56

Supplies ----- 2,302.84

Typewriters, etc., &  
Maintenance ----- 1,274.90

## Elementary

## Text &amp; Reference

Books ----- 2,557.76

Supplies ----- 2,407.05

## Manual Dept. —

Equipment ----- 589.47

## Household Arts

Materials &amp; Supplies - 91.50

## Continuation

Materials &amp; Supplies - 45.38

11,026.46

## Operation of Plant —

## Salaries

High School Janitors 2,524.00

## Elementary School

Janitors ----- 6,373.13

## Evening School

Janitors ----- 105.00

Janitors' Helpers etc. 36.80

9,038.93

## Operation of Plant —

## Expense

## Fuel, Light &amp; Water

High ----- 2,112.63

Elementary ----- 5,251.21

Evening ----- 35.00

## Telephones

High ----- 63.74

Elementary ----- 280.36

## Janitors' Supplies

High ----- 266.10

Elementary ----- 1,318.52

Miscellaneous ----- 3.75

9,331.31

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Maintenance of Plant Expense

## Buildings, Grounds &amp; Equipment

High -----	893.83	
Elementary -----	1,730.33	
School Ground Equip't.	126.22	
		2,750.38

## Auxiliary Agencies—

## Salaries

School Physician ----	1,021.70	
School Nurse -----	1,450.00	
Clerk in Principal's Office -----	950.00	
		3,421.70

## Auxiliary Agencies —

## Expense

## Medical Inspection —

Supplies -----	22.83	
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## Medical Inspection —

Telephone -----	54.28	
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## Transportation of

Pupils -----	7,283.40	
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## Transportation of

Nurse -----	200.00	
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## Transportation of

Teachers -----	129.59	
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## Tuition of Other

Schools -----	20.00	
		7,710.10

## New Furnishings &amp;

## Mechanical Equipment

High -----	797.50	
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Elementary -----	1,505.86	
		2,303.36

## Other Expenses

## Graduation Exercises &amp;

Diplomas etc. ----	265.26	
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## Miscellaneous Print-

ing etc. -----	119.42	
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Miscellaneous Items -	24.63	
		409.31

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 152,564.72

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## ROBERT H. COLE TRADE SCHOOL

## General Salaries &amp; Control

Salary of Director -- 3,708.44

Clerks in Director's  
Office ----- 1,304.38

Instructors ----- 13,731.19

Janitor &amp; Helpers --- 1,400.00

20,144.01

## General Expense

Telephone ----- 70.57

Postage, Stationery  
etc. ----- 64.85

135.42

## Instruction Expenses

Textbooks, Materials &  
Supplies ----- 2,615.12

Shop Equipment ---- 2,386.57

5,001.69

Maintenance Buildings  
& Grounds

Repairs ----- 355.48

Janitors' Supplies --- 143.49

All Other ----- 70.93

569.90

## Other Expenses

Fuel &amp; Light ----- 1,369.10

Furnishings & Furni-  
ture ----- 204.11

Typewriter ----- 40.50

Miscellaneous Print-  
ing ----- 44.35

Traveling Expenses - 67.40

Supplies for Evening  
Classes ----- 74.54

Miscellaneous Items - 22.57

1,822.57

Total Cole Trade School

27,673.59

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Smith-Hughes School Fund

## Teachers' Salaries

Continuation Classes 138.68

## Household Arts

Classes ----- 205.65

Vocational Classes -- 2,853.86

3,198.19

## George Deen School Fund

## Teachers' Salaries

Vocational Classes -- 8,022.83

Salesmanship Classes 126.00

Household Arts ----- 470.30

Evening Vocational - 200.00

## Expense

Household Art Sup-  
plies -----

18.00

8,837.13

12,035.32

Total Schools ----- \$192,273.63

## Jacob Edwards Memorial

## Library

## Salaries and Wages

Librarian ----- 1,999.92

Assistants ----- 2,782.49

Janitor ----- 1,299.96

Janitor's Helpers --- 32.88

6,115.25

## Books, Periodicals etc.

Books ----- 810.70

Periodicals ----- 283.95

1,094.65

## Binding

Books ----- 96.72

Periodicals ----- 12.90

109.62

## Fuel &amp; Light

Fuel ----- 210.00

Light ----- 157.16

367.16

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Buildings		
Repairs -----	50.10	
Janitor's Supplies ---	15.92	
Water -----	16.12	
Removal of Ashes & Rubbish -----	10.50	
Lawn Seed & Fertiliz- er -----	10.60	
Miscellaneous -----	5.68	
		108.92
Other Expenses		
Stationery, Postage & Adv. -----	55.41	
Telephone -----	22.07	
		77.48
		<hr/>
		7,873.08
Total Schools & Library		<hr/> 200,146.71

## RECREATION &amp; UNCLASSIFIED

Damage to Persons & Property -----		122.60
Memorial Day Observ- ance -----		300.00
Armistice Day Observ- ance -----		150.00
Town Reports—Print- ing -----		785.20
Pensions: Chapter 32 & Vet's Act		
Police -----	889.20	
School Janitors -----	1,149.92	
		2,039.12
Insurance		
Fire & Casualty -----		6,758.36
Town Clock — Keeper		49.92
Water & Ice Account -		313.16
Tailings -----		3.36



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Expense — Sale of Brackett Property --	114.00	
		10,635.72
Parks & Memorial Sites		
Labor -----	12.00	
Maintenance & Care -	157.65	
Materials & Supplies	124.79	
		294.44
World War Memorial Park		
Administrative & Super- vision		
Committee Expenses	42.57	
Dedication Expenses	322.83	
Supervision -----	297.85	
	663.25	
Other Expenses		
Land & Costs -----	18,516.00	
Landscaping, Plans etc. -----	737.89	
Monument -----	10,000.00	
Curbing, Flagstones etc. -----	265.25	
Installing Water Ser- vice -----	72.29	
Labor -----	512.55	
Miscellaneous Supplies -----	7.52	
	30,111.50	
		30,774.75
1937 Outstanding Bills		
Selectmen -----	15.00	
Town Hall -----	284.37	
Highway & Snow & Ice -----	800.69	
Outside Relief & In- firmary -----	168.79	

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Health & Sanitation -	54.33	
Main St. Paving ----	299.94	
Library & Schools ---	143.91	
Worcester St. Side-		
walk -----	27.32	
Fire Dept. -----	3.55	
Soldiers' Benefits ---	185.30	
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		1,983.20
Total Recreation & Unclassified		<hr/> 43,688.11

## CEMETERIES

## Cemeteries

## Salaries &amp; Wages

Superintendent ----	250.00	
Labor -----	3,331.00	
		3,581.00

## Other Expenses

Loam -----	46.00	
Fertilizer, Weed Kill-		
er, Lime etc. ----	146.49	
Shrubs & Flowers --	50.00	
Tools & Repairs ----	235.12	
Team & Truck Hire -	159.00	
Gasoline, Oil etc. ----	28.89	
Water & Meter Re-		
moval -----	8.70	
Printing Legal Con-		
tracts etc. -----	78.38	
Blasting -----	15.00	
Air Compressor Rent-		
al -----	5.25	
Miscellaneous Items -	14.39	
Re-setting Stones etc.	43.64	
		<hr/> 830.86

4,411.86

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Cemetery Improvement		
Acct.		
Landscaping -----	26.00	
Plant Material -----	50.14	
Lawn Mower (Power) -----	350.00	
Truck Hire -----	5.00	
		431.14
Total Cemeteries		4,843.00

## NEW CONSTRUCTION

Highways & Roads —		
Chapter 90 — (State & County Aid)		
Maintenance:		
Worcester Street		
Labor -----	603.50	
Materials & Supplies -	159.12	
Truck Hire -----	18.00	
		780.62
Woodstock Road		
Labor -----	184.00	
Materials & Supplies	13.30	
		197.30
Sandersdale Road		
Labor -----	136.50	
Materials & Supplies	82.00	
Truck Hire -----	24.00	
		242.50
		1,220.42
North Woodstock Road		
Bridge (1937)		
Salaries & Wages		
Supervisor -----	1,380.00	
Labor -----	12,105.81	
		13,485.81

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Other Expense			
Truck Hire -----	199.95		
Equipment Rental --	4,910.70		
Materials & Supplies	11,895.76		
Re-location of Pole --	169.14		
		17,175.55	
			30,661.36
North Woodstock Road- Bridge Approach			
Salaries & Wages			
Supervisor -----	840.00		
Labor -----	6,863.98		
		7,703.98	
Other Expense			
Truck Hire -----	433.25		
Equipment Rental --	6,103.36		
Materials & Supplies	8,384.73		
		14,921.34	
			22,625.32
Main to Hamilton St. Paving			
Engineering & Super- vision -----		135.60	
Contract -----		9,727.11	
Extras -----		402.00	
Advertising & Typing Bids -----		9.18	
			10,273.89
Fiske & Mill Streets Widening			
Labor -----		140.00	
Material & Supplies -		262.53	
			402.53
Oliver St. Catch Basin			
Labor -----		360.50	
Materials & Supplies -		292.03	
			652.53

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Fiske Street Drain

Engineering & Inspection -----	167.85
Labor -----	2,468.90
Truck Hire -----	129.75
Materials & Supplies -----	2,864.87

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5,631.37

## Breakneck Road Drainage

Labor -----	697.10
Materials & Supplies -----	201.88
Drilling & Blasting --	147.40

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1,046.38

4.00

## Elm Street Drain -----

## North St. Drains &amp; Storm Sewers

Engineering & Supervision -----	177.93
Labor -----	16.25
Materials & Supplies -----	48.20

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242.38

## Cohasse Brook Dredging (Cisco to Chestnut Sts.)

Labor -----	168.95
Truck Hire -----	22.50

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191.45

## Cady Brook — Wall Repair

Inspection -----	160.75
Contract -----	4,862.60
Extras -----	349.10

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5,372.45

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Nuisance Brook

Engineering -----	35.00	
Labor -----	15.60	
		50.60

## Construction

Labor -----	1,885.28	
Truck Hire -----	255.38	
Equipt. & Rental ----	373.77	
Materials & Supplies	3,002.72	
		5,517.15

5,567.75

Mechanic St. Sewer  
(Rose St. to Quinebaug  
River)

Labor -----	4,550.12	
Truck Hire -----	272.01	
Building of Manholes	37.00	
Materials & Supplies	1,730.08	
Equipment Rental --	943.14	
Tools & Repairs ----	41.86	

7,574.21

## Beech Street Sewer

Labor -----	195.45	
Truck Hire -----	9.75	
Materials & Supplies	154.60	
Manhole Construction	65.82	

425.62

West Street School Land  
Drainage

Labor -----	1,166.21	
Truck Hire -----	144.75	
Materials & Supplies	188.94	

1,499.90

Total Construction &amp; Drainage etc.

93,391.56



EXPENDITURES (Continued)  
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION  
(P. W. A.)

Northern Dist. Element-  
School

Preliminary Expense	297.24
Land & Acquisition	
Costs -----	8,198.64
Inspection Service --	686.78
Designs, Plans & Sur- veys -----	5,298.16
Contract -----	9,825.66
Legal Service on Bonds -----	75.00

Total P. W. A.	24,381.48
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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION  
W. P. A.

General Administration

Salaries & Wages

Co-ordinator -----	1,025.00
Clerk Hire & Other Wages -----	628.34

1,653.34

Other Expense

Stationery, Postage etc. -----	30.12
Travel & Automobile Expense -----	519.23
Surplus Commodity Division -----	144.08
Truck Maint'ce & Op- erating -----	872.94

1,566.37

Trucks Purchased

1,470

Projects:

Sidewalks:

Materials & Supplies	6,100.77
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## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Labor -----	870.21	
Truck Hire -----	442.42	
		8,883.40
Morris Street Sewer		
Materials & Supplies	1,597.74	
Labor -----	382.55	
Truck Hire -----	149.99	
		2,130.28
Dresser Street Play-ground		
Materials & Supplies	1,304.01	
Labor -----	115.15	
Truck Hire -----	280.07	
		1,699.23
Women's Sewing		
Materials & Supplies		2,026.48
Tree Pest Extermination		
Materials & Supplies	236.19	
Truck Hire -----	130.00	
		366.19
Land Damages		
Eastford Road -----		155.00
Drains		
Materials & Supplies	2,752.39	
Labor -----	580.32	
Truck Hire -----	49.25	
		3,381.96
Projects:		
Veterans' Memorial Park		
Materials & Supplies	1,910.47	
Labor -----	134.13	
Truck Hire -----	300.50	
		2,345.10
Book Binding		
Materials & Supplies		157.92
Town Records		
Materials & Supplies		113.24

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Elm & Everett Streets		
Sewer		
Materials & Supplies	423.95	
Labor -----	59.00	
Truck Hire -----	19.50	
		502.45
Country Roads		
Materials & Supplies		14.42
Total W. P. A.		<u>24,995.38</u>

## EMERGENCY FLOOD &amp; HURRICANE DAMAGE

General Administration		
Salaries & Wages ---		139.38
Travel & Auto Allow-		
ances -----	393.02	
Gasoline, Oil etc. ----	51.88	
Misc. Tools & Equip-		
ment for Men ----	1,405.61	
		1,850.51
Engineering		
Assistant & Helpers -	820.63	
Materials & Supplies	11.25	
Milage and/or Travel	30.03	
		861.91
Trees & Stumps		
Materials & Supplies	341.82	
Labor -----	1,927.95	
Truck Hire -----	983.75	
		3,253.52
Parks		
Labor -----		14.00
Cemeteries		
Materials & Sup-		
plies -----	19.91	
Labor -----	151.50	
Truck Hire -----	420.75	
		<u>592.16</u>

## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## Sewers &amp; Culverts

Materials & Supplies -----	694.29
Labor -----	2,833.00
Truck Hire -----	586.13

4,113.42

## Cady Brook Dredging

247.50

## Roads &amp; Bridges

Materials & Supplies -----	3,585.49
Labor -----	8,594.68
Truck Hire -----	4,179.25
Equipment Rental -----	1,250.00

17,609.42

## Town Buildings &amp; Grounds

Town Hall -----	227.56
Town Barn -----	235.85
Police & Fire Station -----	8.83
Schools -----	210.36
Infirmary -----	141.27

823.87

## Police

Special Police ---	1,777.43
Food & Equipment -----	261.53
Miscellaneous ---	26.63

2,065.59

## Fire Alarm System

509.07

## Health &amp; Sanitation

Inspection -----	139.25
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## Main Street

Materials & Supplies -----	436.14
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## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Labor -----	381.60	
Truck Hire -----	641.01	
		1,458.75
Forest Fire Hazard		
Materials & Sup-		
plies -----	102.48	
Labor -----	90.75	
Truck Hire -----	31.50	
		224.73
West Street		
Materials & Sup-		
plies -----	138.57	
Labor -----	42.25	
Truck Hire -----	62.25	
Shovel & Crane		
Hire -----	825.00	
		1,068.07
Total Flood & Hurricane		34,971.15

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

## Interest

## Temporary Loans

Anticipation of Revenue -----	656.99
School Bonds -----	4,120.00
T. B. Hospital District Loan -----	2,783.01

7,560.00

## Maturing Debt

Anticipation of Revenue -----	325,000.00
School Bonds -----	16,500.00
County T. B. Hospital District	
Loan -----	5,300.00

346,800.00

Total Interest & Maturing Debt	354,360.00
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## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

## Agency

State Tax -----	37,570.00
State Auditing Tax	342.40
State Parks & Res- ervations Tax -	522.52
State Veterans' Exemption Tax--	42.62

38,477.54

County Tax -----	24,614.14
County T. B. Hos- pital Mainte- nance Tax -----	5,341.69

29,955.83

Dog Licenses for County -----	1,754.00
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## Investment

Cemetery Perpetu- al Care Funds--	500.00
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Total Agency, Trust &amp; Investment

70,687.37

## REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

## Refunds

Taxes -----	90.49
Water Co. State Tax -----	143.59
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ----	562.91
Sewer Assessment — Abated after Payment -----	15.37
Duplicate Payment to Cemetery	12.00
1936 Tax Interest -----	15.71
Soft Drink License -----	20.00
Town of Sturbridge -----	20.00

## Transfers

Retirement Board Expense ----	746.00
Pension Accumulation Fund ----	7,208.87

Total Refunds &amp; Transfers

8,834.94



## EXPENDITURES (Continued)

## TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNTS

Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children) -----	125.54	
Mary M. Mynott (Library) -----	57.81	
Total Trust Funds		183.35
Total Payments for 1938 -----		1,196,305.93
Cash On Hand Dec. 31, 1938		
General Cash -----	77,036.78	
P. W. A. Cash -----	55,618.52	
		1,328,960.65

## Total Expenditures by Governmental Divisions 1938

General Government -----	33,213.15
Protection of Persons & Property	89,303.78
Health & Sanitation -----	17,193.21
Highways -----	56,182.92
Charities & Soldiers' Benefits --	139,929.24
Schools & Libraries -----	200,146.71
Recreation & Unclassified ----	43,688.11
Cemeteries -----	4,843.00
New Construction -----	93,391.56
P. W. A. School -----	24,381.48
W. P. A. -----	24,995.38
Emergency Flood & Hurricane	34,971.15
Interest & Maturing Debt -----	354,360.00
Agency, Trust & Investment ---	70,687.37
Refunds & Transfers -----	8,834.94
Trust Fund Income Accounts --	183.35

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1,196,305.93

## OUTSTANDING BILLS—DECEMBER 31, 1938

Department	Amount
Selectmen -----	5.00
Engineering -----	.30
Town Hall -----	272.24
Police -----	126.06
Fire -----	46.46
Temporary Aid -----	105.01
Soldiers' Relief -----	150.00
World War Memorial Park ----	6.20

Highways -----	517.42
Snow & Ice -----	33.82
Town Dump -----	31.25
Road Machinery Maint'ce -----	256.26
Sewer Maintenance -----	11.50
Jacob Edwards Library -----	105.70
Water & Ice -----	4.25

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1,671.47

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Town Accountant

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE  
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1938  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:  
General ----- 77,036.78  
P.W.A. Projects -- 55,618.52

132,655.30

Accounts Receivable:  
Taxes:

Levy of 1936 --- 247.50  
Levy of 1937 --- 18,202.07  
Levy of 1938 --- 71,824.21

90,273.78

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:  
Levy of 1938 ---

456.64

Special Assessments:  
Unapportioned

4,730.27

Sewer -----  
Sewer Added to  
Taxes:  
1937 ----- 287.21  
1938 ----- 101.44

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of  
Revenue 1938 --- 75,000.00

Trust Fund Income:

Jesse J. Angell 31.27  
Charity Fund -----  
Ella M. Cole Fund  
—Needy School 26.35  
Children -----  
Alexis Boyer Jr,  
School Fund ----- 11.29  
Mary Mynott Li-  
brary Fund ----- .27

69.18

George Deen Fund -- 2,301.32

Sale of Land Fund -- 4,256.00

Sidewalk Added to Taxes:				Sale of Land—Section	
1937 -----	40.83			79, Chapter 60,	
1938 -----	18.40			General Laws ----	96.20
Committed Interest:				Cemetery Sale of Lots	
Sewer Added				and Graves Fund -	1,178.00
to Taxes:				World War Memorial	
1937 -----	23.80			Fund -----	234.33
1938 -----	20.59			Road Machinery Fund	
Sidewalk Added				Tailings -----	211.37
to Taxes:				Premium on Loans --	106.63
1937 -----	1.07			Highways — Chapter	
1938 -----	3.31			500, Acts of 1938 -	11,050.00
				Federal Grants:	
Tax Titles -----	10,485.66			Aid to Dependent	.25
Town Possessions—				Children -----	
Tax Title Foreclos-				Old Age Assistance:	
ures -----	1,028.53			Administration -	51.37
				Assistance -----	.75
Departmental:					
Police -----	1,225.00				
Health -----	2,611.63				
Ambulance -----	672.00				
Highway -----	99.65				
Temporary Aid -	13,028.82				

Aid to Dependent Children ---	219.18
Old Age Assistance -----	281.53
State Aid -----	860.00
Military Aid ---	280.00
School -----	2,801.50
Cemetery ---	279.00

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22,358.31

State Aid to Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction ---	6,708.49
Chapter 90 Maintenance ---	750.00

County Aid to Highways:

Chapter 90 Construction ---	3,354.25
Chapter 90 Maintenance ---	750.00

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11,562.74

Federal Grant ---

Appropriation Balances:

Street Lighting ---	3,506.84
Schools -----	3,642.69
Hurricane and Flood Emergency -	10,049.55
Cady Brook Repairs	89.78
Mechanic Street Construction	3,500.00
Nuisance Brook ---	1,237.67
Cohasse Brook ---	258.55
Breakneck Road Catch Basin	953.62
Mechanic Street Sewer -----	1,296.64
North Street Sewer	288.20
Beech Street Sewer	424.38
Wall Street Sidewalk	250.00
Cemetery Improvements	4.88
Northern District Elementary School Construction,	
P.W.A. -----	55,618.52

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81,121.32



# Underestimates (to be raised):

State Tax	19,890.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax	48.87
Veterans' Exemption	5.19
State Special Water Tax	5.19
County Tax	143.59
	11.77

20,099.42

Penalty — Failure to File Returns

5.00

## Overdrawn Accounts:

Moderator	20.58
Selectmen	50.00
Accountant	237.97
Tax Collector	49.94
Town Clerk	.69
Elections and Registration	1,418.91
Law Department	205.00
Engineering	12.94
Town Hall	720.17
Fire	195.41

Sewer Assessment Reserve

2,131.87

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

4,420.78

Overlays — Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1936	248.15
Levy of 1937	2,282.09
Levy of 1938	2,847.59

5,377.83

Revenue — Reserved

Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 456.64

Sewer Assessment 5,163.31

Sidewalk Assessment 63.61

Tax Title 11,514.19

Departmental 22,358.31

Highways—General	3,029.57
Oliver Street Catch Basin	2.53
Snow and Ice Removal	833.62
Public Welfare	9,586.27
Aid to Dependent Children	2,228.06
Old Age Assistance	1,891.60
Military Aid	60.00
Soldiers' Relief	2,289.79
Insurance	758.36
W.P.A.	1,190.72

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24,782.13

Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance	86.42
Highways, Chapter 90, Construction:	
1936	19.52
1937	2,942.26
1938	3,682.57

6,730.77

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375,608.90

State and County Aid to Highways	11,562.74
Federal Grant	49,943.70

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101,062.50

Surplus Revenue

86,899.20

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375,608.90

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# DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:

Sewer -----	704.20
Sidewalk -----	36.80

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1939 -----	269.29
Due in 1940 -----	182.53
Due in 1941 -----	165.54
Due in 1942 -----	43.42
Due in 1943 -----	43.42

704.20

Apportioned Sidewalk Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1939 -----	18.40
Due in 1940 -----	18.40

36.80

741.00

741.00

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

289,000.00

School Loan

30,000.00

Eastford Road and West Street

School Loan

134,000.00

Northern District Elementary

School Loan

80,000.00

Emergency Loan	45,000.00
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	289,000.00
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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	75,216.40	Trust Accounts:	
Municipal Contributory Retirement Fund:		Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund --	1,122.82
Cash and Securities -----	10,134.77	Ella M. Cole Fund—Needy School Children -----	3,000.00
Expense Fund—Deficiency -	243.57	Alexis Boyer Jr., School Fund -	334.65
Interest Deficiency -----	165.20	Mary Mynott Library Fund ---	1,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	44,758.93
		Cemetery General Care Funds	25,000.00
		Retirement System:	
		Annuity Savings Fund -----	5,639.41
		Pension Accumulation Fund --	4,804.41
		Annuity Reserve Fund -----	99.72
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Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, Transfers and Balances  
1938

DEPARTMENT:	Appropriation:	Refunds and Transfers Added To Appropriations:	Total Receipts:	Expenditures:	Transfers To Other Accounts:	Gross Expenditures or Debits:	Balance To Revenue:	Balances Forwarded To 1939:	Over-drawn Accounts:
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:									
Moderator	40.00		40.00	60.00		60.00			20.00
Selectmen									
Salaries	2,050.00								
By Elec. & Reg.		1,140.00	2,061.40	2,061.40		2,061.40			
All Other	700.00		700.00	750.58		750.58			50.58
Accountant									
Salaries	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00			
All Other	200.00		200.00	437.97		437.97			237.97
Treasurer									
Salaries	1,800.00								
By Reserve Fund		220.00	2,020.00	2,020.00		2,020.00			
All Other	925.00		925.00	919.09		919.09	5.91		
Tax Collector									
Salaries	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00			
All Other	1,372.00		1,372.00	1,421.94		1,421.94			49.94
Assessors									
Salaries	2,900.00		2,900.00	2,899.93		2,899.93	.07		
All Other	1,000.00		1,000.00	991.23		991.23	8.77		
Town Clerk									
Salaries	1,140.00		1,140.00	1,140.00		1,140.00			
All Other	300.00		300.00	300.69		300.69			.69
Election & Registration									
Salaries	200.00		200.00	436.00		436.00			236.00
All Other	2,200.00		2,200.00	3,371.51					
Law					Selectmen				
Engineering	600.00		600.00	805.00	11.40	3,382.91			1,182.91
Salaries						805.00			205.00
All Other	5,000.00		5,000.00	4,999.79		4,999.79	.21		
By Loan	500.00		500.00	528.94		528.94			28.94
Town Hall									
Salaries	1,510.00		1,510.00	1,519.00		1,519.00			9.00
By Loan									
All Other	3,090.00								
By Mechanic St. Sewer		6.00							
By Refund		64.91	3,160.91	3,856.08		3,856.08			695.17
By Loan									
Retirement Board									
Salaries	522.00		522.00	520.00		520.00		2.00	
All Other	125.00								
By Balance—1937		61.89	186.89	432.46		432.46			245.57
TOTALS	30,874.00	364.20	31,238.20	34,171.61	11.40	34,183.01	14.96	2.00	2,961.77
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:									
Police									
Salaries	31,264.00		31,264.00	31,243.73		31,243.73	20.27		
New Auto									
Equipment	1,575.00		1,575.00	1,573.00		1,573.00	2.00		
All Other	5,090.00		5,090.00	5,088.77		5,088.77	1.23		
Fire									
Salaries	23,498.00		23,498.00	23,326.72		23,326.72	171.28		
All Other	2,580.00								
By Ambulance		9.00	2,589.00	2,784.41		2,784.41			195.41
Forest Fire									
Salaries	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
All Other	200.00		200.00	99.61		99.61	100.39		
Hydrants	12,100.00		12,100.00	12,039.90		12,039.90	60.10		
Ambulance	150.00		150.00	45.60	Fire	54.60	95.40		
Game Warden	100.00		100.00	100.00	9.00	100.00			
Sealer of Weights & Measures									
Salaries	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,050.00		1,050.00			
All Other	250.00		250.00	247.05		247.05	2.95		
Animal Inspector	125.00		125.00	125.00		125.00			
Building Inspector	200.00		200.00	200.00		200.00			
Salaries	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
All Other	100.00		100.00	90.61		90.64	9.36		
Tree Warden	600.00		600.00	599.69		599.69	.31		
Moth Extermination	200.00		200.00	196.50		196.50	3.50		
Damage To Persons & Property	200.00		200.00	122.60		122.60	77.40		
Street Lights	13,500.00		13,500.00	9,993.16		9,993.16		3,506.84	
TOTALS	93,282.00	9.00	93,291.00	89,426.38	9.00	89,435.38	544.19	3,506.84	195.41
HEALTH AND SANITATION:									
Board of Health									
Salaries	4,125.00								
By Health All Other		781.11	4,906.11	4,897.00		4,897.00	9.11		
All Other	10,700.00								
By Refund		750.00	10,707.50	8,913.06	Health Salaries	781.11			
					W. P. A.	800.00	213.33		
Sewer Maintenance									
Salaries	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,700.00		2,700.00			
All Other	700.00		700.00	683.15		683.15	16.85		
TOTALS	18,225.00	788.61	19,013.61	17,193.21	1,581.11	18,774.32	239.29		
HIGHWAYS:									
Street & Sidewalk Maintenance									
Salaries	1,800.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		43.34	1,843.34	1,856.25					56.25
To Exc. & Def.					43.34	1,899.59			
All Other	23,075.00								
By Road Machinery									
Account		309.80							
By Insurance Reimbursement									
Acct.		115.70							
By Reserve Fund		3,140.95							
By Insurance Loss		115.25	26,756.70	29,614.32	Estimated Receipts	115.70	29,730.02		2,973.32
Road Machinery (new equipment)	3,540.00				Streets and Sidewalks Maint.	309.80	6,839.00		
By Reserve Fund		3,299.00	6,839.00	6,529.20		836.42			86.42
Chapter 90 Maint'ce	750.00		750.00	836.42		15,833.62			833.62
Snow & Ice	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,833.62	W.P.A.	517.50	2,000.00		
Rubbish Collection	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,482.50					
Town Dump	725.00								
By Refund		15.00	740.00	382.19	W.P.A.	350.00	732.19	7.81	
Road Machinery Maint'ce	500.00		500.00	484.84		484.84	15.16		
TOTALS	47,390.00	7,039.04	54,429.04	57,019.34	1,336.34	58,355.68	22.97		3,949.61
CHARITIES & SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:									
Public Welfare (temporary aid)									
Salaries	2,000.00								
By Aid to Dependent Children—Salaries		166.29							
By Old Age Assistance					Temporary Aid Expense	83.33	2,319.89		
Salaries		153.60	2,319.89	2,236.56					
All Other	50,000.00								
By Refund		193.27							
By Temporary Aid		83.33	50,276.60	59,862.87		59,862.87			9,586.27
Salaries									
Aid to Dependent Children									
Salaries	500.00				Temporary Aid Salaries	166.29	687.13		
By Old Age Assistance		187.13	687.13	520.84	ADC Fed. Grant	1,632.57	9,728.06		2,228.06
Salaries			7,500.00	8,095.49					
All Other	7,500.00								
Old Age Assistance									
Salaries	1,000.00				Aid to Dependent Children	187.13			
By Reserve Fund		300.00	1,300.00	959.27	Temporary Aid Salaries	153.60	1,300.00		
All Other	24,000.00					26,004.60			1,891.60
By Refund		113.00	24,113.00	26,004.60					
Federal Grants—Aid to Dependent Children									
By Balance—1937		400.67							
By Federal Grant		3,873.58							
By Aid to Dependent Children									
All Other (Plippo'n Acct.)		1,632.57	5,906.82	4,274.00	A.D.C. Accts. Receivable	1,632.57	5,906.57	.25	
Old Age Assistance									
Administration									
By Balance—1937		206.28							
By Federal Grant		723.15	929.43	878.06		878.06		51.37	
All Other									
By Balance—1937		897.50							
By Federal Grant		21,696.25	22,593.75	22,593.00		22,593.00		.75	
Infirmary									
Salaries	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00			
All Other	4,000.00		4,000.00	3,994.76		3,994.76	5.24		60.00
Military Aid	500.00		500.00	560.00		560.00			
State Aid	1,000.00		1,000.00	860.00	To W.P.A.	140.00	1,000.00		2,289.79
Soldiers Relief	5,000.00		5,000.00	7,289.79		7,289.79			
Soldiers Burials	200.00		200.00		To W.P.A.	200.00			
TOTALS	97,500.00	30,626.62	128,126.62	139,929.24	4,195.49	144,124.73	5.24	52.37	16,055.72
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES:									
Schools									
Salaries	147,274.00		147,274.00	143,633.02		143,633.02		3,640.98	
All Other	36,607.00		36,607.00	36,605.29		36,605.29		1.71	
Jacob Edwards									
Memorial Library	7,875.00		7,875.00	7,873.08		7,873.08	1.92		
TOTALS	191,756.00		191,756.00	188,111.39		188,111.39	1.92	3,642.69	







<b>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:</b>									
Pensions	2,039.12		2,039.12	2,039.12		2,039.12			
Insurance Acct.	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,758.36		6,758.36			758.36
Armistice Day	150.00		150.00	150.00		150.00			
Memorial Day	300.00		300.00	300.00		300.00			
Parks	300.00		300.00	294.44	To W.P.A.	5.56			
World War Memorial Park									
By Excess and Deficiency		18,500.00							
By World War Memorial		12,469.25	30,969.25	30,774.75	To W.P.A.	194.50	30,969.25		
Town Clock	50.00		50.00	49.92			49.92	.08	
Town Reports	785.20		785.20	785.20			785.20		
Water and Ice	325.00		325.00	313.16	To W.P.A.	11.84	325.00		
1937 Outstanding Bills and Overdrafts									
By Reserve Fund	7,850.83	116.40	7,967.23	1,983.20	To Various Accounts To Chapter 90 To W.P.A.	4,612.28 447.57 924.18	7,967.23		
1936 Outstanding Bills									
By Overdrawn Accounts		472.21	472.21	472.21			472.21		
Contributory Retirement Funds, Conts. From Town For Pensions	6,807.00								
By Balance—1937		1.24	6,808.24	2,095.46		2,095.46		4,712.78	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24,607.15</b>	<b>31,559.10</b>	<b>56,166.25</b>	<b>46,015.88</b>		<b>6,195.93</b>	<b>52,211.75</b>	<b>.08</b>	<b>4,712.78</b>
<b>ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES:</b>									
W.P.A.	11,367.00								
By Balance—1937		3,633.33							
By Soldiers Relief		3.65							
By Estimated Receipts		212.00							
By Reserve Fund		2,923.65							
By Emergency		208.15							
By Various Accounts		5,668.68	24,016.46	25,207.18			25,207.18		1,190.72
North Woodstock Road—1936									
By Highway Revenue		3,094.98							
By Refund		4.00	3,098.98	3,118.50			3,118.50		19.52
North Woodstock Road and Bridge Project—1937									
By Balance—1937		3,366.09							
By Revenue		24,353.01	27,719.10	30,661.36			30,661.36		2,942.26
North Woodstock Road—1936	6,500.00								
By Revenue		12,442.75	18,942.75	22,625.32			22,625.32		3,682.57
Main Street (Union Street to Hamilton Street) Construction									
By Overlays Res.		1,105.58							
By Sale of Land		365.00							
By Excess and Deficiency		9,330.00	10,800.58	10,273.89	To W.P.A.	526.69	10,800.58		
P.W.A. Bond Issue									
By Balance—1937		302.95	302.95		To Maturing Debt	302.95	302.95		
Cady Brook Repairs	2,700.00								
By Balance—1937		2,762.23	5,462.23	5,372.45			5,372.45		89.78
Mechanic Street Paving Construction	3,500.00		3,500.00						3,500.00
Fiske and Mill Streets Widening	450.00		450.00	402.53	To W.P.A.	47.47	450.00		
Nuisance Brook	2,130.00								
By Excess and Deficiency		4,670.00							
By Refund		5.42	6,805.42	5,567.75			5,567.75		1,237.67
Cohasset Brook									
Dredging	450.00		450.00	191.45			191.45		258.55
Breakneck Road									
Catch Basins	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,046.38			1,046.38		953.62
Oliver Street									
Catch Basin	650.00		650.00	652.53			652.53		2.53
Fiske Street Drain (From Hillcrest Ave.)	5,650.00		5,650.00	5,631.37	To W.P.A.	18.63	5,650.00		
West Street School Land Damages	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,499.90			1,499.90	.10	
Mechanic Street Sewer (Rose Street to Bridge)	2,000.00								
By Balance—1937		5,137.10							
By Refund—(Cash)		33.75							
By Sewer Assessments									
Surplus		1,700.00	8,870.85	7,568.21	To Town Hall	6.00	7,574.21		1,296.64
North Street Storm Sewer and Study of Storm Sewers									
By Balance—1937		530.58	530.58	242.38			242.38		288.20
Elm Street Drain									
By Balance—1937		31.28	31.28	4.00	To W.P.A.	27.28	31.28		
Beech Street Sewer									
By Sewer Assessments									
Surplus		850.00	850.00	425.62			425.62		424.38
Wall Street Sidewalk									
By Balance—1937		250.00	250.00						250.00
Emergency—Hurricane and Flood—1938									
By Emergency Loans		45,000.00							
By Refund		20.70	45,020.70	34,763.00	To W.P.A.	208.15	34,971.15		10,049.55
Cemetery	2,650.00								
By Dividend Income		2,085.22	4,735.22	4,330.45	To Improv. Accts. To W.P.A.	81.41 300.00	4,711.86	23.36	
Cemetery Improvement Account									
By Balance—1937		86.02							
By Sale of Lots and Graves		350.00							
By Refund		81.41	517.43	512.55			512.55		4.88
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41,547.00</b>	<b>130,607.53</b>	<b>172,154.53</b>	<b>160,096.82</b>		<b>1,518.58</b>	<b>161,615.40</b>	<b>23.46</b>	<b>18,353.27</b>
<b>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBTS:</b>									
Interest—Fixed Debt	2,566.19								
By P.W.A.		1,553.81	4,120.00	4,120.00			4,120.00		
Interest—County T. B. Hospital	2,783.01		2,783.01	2,783.01			2,783.01		
P.W.A. Premium On Loan									
By Balance—1937		1.00							
By Cash		40.00	41.00		To Maturing Debt	1.00	1.00		40.00
Interest—Temporary Loans	1,500.00		1,500.00	656.99	To W.P.A.	843.01	1,500.00		
P.W.A. Accrued Interest					To Excess and Deficiency	42.78		42.78	
By Cash		42.78	42.78						
Maturing Debt	9,000.00								
By Various Accounts		7,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00			16,500.00		
Maturing Debt—Worcester County T. B. Hospital Loan	5,300.00		5,300.00	5,300.00			5,300.00		
Emergency Flood and Hurricane—Loan									
By Cash		45,000.00	45,000.00		To Emergency Account	45,000.00	45,000.00		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21,149.20</b>	<b>54,137.59</b>	<b>75,286.79</b>	<b>29,360.00</b>		<b>45,886.79</b>	<b>75,246.79</b>		<b>40.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:</b>									
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00		To Old Age Assistance Salaries	300.00			
					Road Machinery	3,299.00			
					Equipment	220.00			
					Treasurer	220.00			
					Clerk Hire	3,140.95			
					To Highways	116.40			
					To 1937 Outstanding Bill	2,923.65	10,000.00		
State Tax	19,037.50		19,037.50	38,927.50			38,927.50		19,890.00
State Parks and Reservations	602.06		602.06	650.93			650.93		48.87
State Auditing Tax	342.40		342.40	342.40			342.40		
State Veterans' Exemption Tax	39.32		39.32	44.51			44.51		5.19
State Penalty Tax (Failure to Make Return)				5.00			5.00		5.00
County Tax	24,602.37								
By Balance—1937		19.31	24,621.68	24,633.45			24,633.45		11.77
County T. B. Hospital District Tax (Maintenance)	5,341.69		5,341.69	5,341.69			5,341.69		
Old Age Assistance Tax (Special State Tax)	69.00		69.00	69.00			69.00		
Old Age Assistance Tax Abatements	3.00		3.00	3.00			3.00		
Special Water Tax				143.59			143.59		143.59
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60,037.34</b>	<b>19.31</b>	<b>60,056.65</b>	<b>70,161.07</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>80,161.07</b>		<b>20,104.42</b>
<b>RECAPITULATION AND SUMMARY:</b>									
General Government	30,874.00	364.20	31,238.20	34,171.61		11.40	34,183.01	14.96	2,961.77
Protection Persons and Property	93,282.00	9.00	93,291.00	89,426.38		9.00	89,435.38	544.19	3,506.84
Highways	47,390.00	7,039.04	54,429.04	57,019.34		1,336.34	58,355.68	22.97	195.41
Health and Sanitation	18,225.00	788.61	19,013.61	17,193.21		1,581.11	18,774.32	239.29	3,949.61
Charities	97,500.00	30,626.62	128,126.62	139,929.24		4,195.49	144,124.73	5.24	16,055.72
Schools and Libraries	191,756.00		191,756.00	188,111.39		6,195.93	188,111.39	1.92	3,642.69
Recreation and Unclassified	17,800.15	31,557.86	49,358.01	43,920.36		1,518.58	50,116.29	.08	758.36
Enterprises and Cemetery	41,547.00	130,607.53	172,154.53	160,096.82		45,886.79	161,615.40	23.46	7,837.60
Interest and Maturing Debt	21,149.20	54,137.59	75,286.79	29,360.00		10,000.00	75,246.79	40.00	
Special Accounts	60,037.34	19.31	60,056.65	70,161.07			80,161.07		20,104.42
Contributory Retirement Funds									
Town Contribution For Pensions By Balance 1937	6,807.00	1.24	6,808.24	2,095.46			2,095.46		4,712.78
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>626,367.69</b>	<b>255,151.00</b>	<b>881,518.69</b>	<b>831,484.88</b>			<b>902,219.52</b>	<b>852.11</b>	<b>30,309.95</b>
Overlays—1938	5,007.49		5,007.49						5,007.49
Overlays—Reserve	1,105.58		1,105.58						1,105.58
	6,113.07		6,113.07						6,113.07
<b>RECAPITULATION:</b>									
Appropriations—General			626,367.69						831,484.88
Appropriations—Overlays			6,113.07						70,734.64
Refunds and Transfers			255,151.00						852.11
Overdrawn Accounts			51,862.89						30,309.95
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>939,494.65</b>						<b>939,494.65</b>
<b>TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS:</b>									
J. J. Angell (Charity)		31.27		31.27				31.27	31.27
Alexis Boyer, Jr. (School)		11.29		11.29				11.29	11.29
Ella M. Cole (Needy School Children)		66.89	85.00	151.89			125.54	26.35	151.89
Mary M. Mynott (Library)		33.08	25.00	58.08			57.81	.27	58.08
Smith Hughes (School)			3,198.19	3,198.19			3,198.19		3,198.19
George Deen (School)		441.64	4,456.81						
By Estimated Rec.			6,240.00	11,138.45			8,837.13	2,301.32	11,138.45
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>584.17</b>	<b>14,005.00</b>	<b>14,589.17</b>			<b>12,218.67</b>	<b>2,370.50</b>	<b>14,589.17</b>
<b>Other Receipts or Transfers</b>									
Northern District Elementary School (Charlton and Evergreen Streets)									
By Federal Grant			80,000.00	80,000.00			24,381.48	24,381.48	55,618.52



# REPORT OF RETIREMENT BOARD

Annual Statement—1938

## RECEIPTS

		Subtotals	Totals
Contributions From Members			
Group I -----	3,180.72		
Group II -----	936.30		
	<u>          </u>		
		4,117.02	
Town Appropriations			
Pension Accumulation Fund			
Accrued Liability ----	3,671.48		
Normal Liability ----	1,909.25		
Extraordinary			
Pension Amounts ----	1,207.16		
	<u>          </u>		
		6,787.89	
Expense Fund			
Salaries -----	522.00		
All Other -----	125.00		
	<u>          </u>		
		647.00	
Interest Deficiency ----	19.11	19.11	
Other Income			
Interest Income -----	39.69	39.69	
Cash on Hand, January			
1, 1938 -----	84.34	84.34	
	<u>          </u>		
			11,695.05

### PAYMENTS

Deposited in Savings		
Bank -----	2,640.53	2,640.53
Securities Purchased ----	5,250.00	5,250.00
Contributions Refunded -	231.90	231.90
Interest on Contributions		
Refunded -----	3.94	3.94
Pensions -----	2,104.95	2,104.95
Administration Expenses		
Salaries		
Clerk -----	520.00	520.00
All Other		
Printing and Station-		
ery -----	16.53	
Postage, Telephone and		
Express -----	31.34	
Furniture and Fixtures	150.00	
Bonds -----	150.00	
General Office Expenses	84.59	432.46
Cash on Hand December		
31, 1938 -----	511.27	511.27
		11,695.05

### ASSETS

Deposits Not On Interest		
(Bank) -----	471.73	
Deposits On Interest		
(Bank) -----	4,373.50	
Cash On Hand -----	39.54	
Total Cash -----		4,884.77
Investments -----	5,250.00	5,250.00
Interest Accrued -----	165.20	165.20
Expense Fund (Over-		
drawn) (All Other) ----	245.57	245.57
		10,545.54

## LIABILITIES

## Annuity Savings Fund

Group I -----	4,440.47
Group II -----	1,198.94

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 5,639.41

## Annuity Reserve Fund

Group I -----	23.90
Group II -----	75.82

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 99.72

## Pension Accumulation Fund

Group I -----	4,277.71
Group II -----	526.70

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 4,804.41

## Expense Fund

Salaries -----	2.00	2.00
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 10,545.54

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On Hand—January				
1, 1938 -----	84.34	1,732.97		1,817.31
On Hand — Decem-				
ber 31, 1938 -----	511.27	4,373.50	5,250.00	10,134.77

## DISTRIBUTION

## Annuity Savings

Fund	5,639.41
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## Pension Accumulation

Fund	4,804.41
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## Annuity Reserve

Fund	99.72
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 10,543.54

Less Deficiencies to  
be Provided For

Expense Fund ----243.57

Investment Income 165.20

408.77

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10,134.77

JOSEPH LAFLECHE

Chairman

JOHN G. CLARKE

JOSEPH E. DESROSIER

Secretary



# REPORT OF RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

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This is a report of the Recreational Committee named by the Board of Selectmen by authorization of a motion duly made and voted upon at the Town Meeting of 1938.

It is the opinion of the Committee that there is a definite need for recreational facilities and that a long term program should be established to take advantage of sites that offer opportunities for development in this direction. It is the judgment of the Committee that the following sites should be considered for development:

- 1—Dresser Street Playground
- 2—West Street School Playground
- 3—Eastford Road Playground
- 4—Guelph Street School Playground
- 5—Cole Forest

Furthermore, in conjunction with the development of these sites, supervisors of recreational activities should be established.

More specifically, the Committee recommends that the Dresser Street Playground because of its location and physical characteristics be developed as the large recreational center. The plans would call for an extension of the field and the development of properties leading from the field and including the south bank of the First Reservoir. The extent to which the playground facilities in this area may be expanded would depend upon the availability of adjacent property.

The ownership of this property by the Town would offer excellent opportunities for winter sports as well as

summer sports activities. The School playgrounds the Committee believes should be developed for smaller children. These grounds should be equipped mainly with playground equipment and improved for playing soft ball games. Further, it is the wish of the Committee that the restrictions might be erased from the Deed which bars the use of the Hamilton Field to groups other than the high school.

Baseball and football grounds are sorely needed in Southbridge for use by a number of clubs.

The Cole Forest can at a small expense be developed into a very fine summer and winter recreational park. Such a development would be used by people of all ages. Its physical characteristics offer opportunities for a wide range of sports.

Before specific plans are made for any of these developments the Committee feels that an expression from the people at this Town Meeting is in order to determine the extent to which they want to develop these properties for recreation. However, at this time we ask that the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated this year; the expenditure of which to be placed in the hands of the Park Commission. This money to be used for two purposes:

- 1—To provide a teacher for playground instruction at the Dresser Street Playground for the months of July and August.
- 2—To level and maintain a baseball diamond; also fence an area for a wading pool and skating rink at the west end of the field.

Any balance of this appropriation left to be spent for playground equipment at the Eastford Road and West Street schools.

It is further recommended that this Committee be dissolved and the future development of these properties be placed in the authority of the Park Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

Clark H. Morrell, Chairman

Ira Mosher

Valmore Tetreault

Omer Perron

Napoleon J. Blanchard

Ernest Lippe

Edward L. Chapin

Fileno DiGregorio

Robert E. Cross

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